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DRASTIC DECLINE IN TRADE WITH S. CHINA

Imports Down 64 per Cent.: Exports Show Decrease of 68.3 per Cent.

AS A RESULT OF THE JAPANESE OCCUPATION OF CANTON AND THE GRADUAL ENCIRCLEMENT OF HONGKONG BY LAND AND BY SEA, A DRASTIC FALL IN THE COLONY'S TRADE WITH SOUTH CHINA WAS RECORDED FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER.

BRITAIN WATCHING SITUATION

Italian Threat To
French Possessions

LONDON, Dec. 9.
WHITEHALL IS
CLOSELY watching Italo-
French developments.

The fact that they are becoming worse, together with the prevailing anti-British sentiment in Germany, marks, it is feared, the death-knell completely of Mr. Chamberlain's appeasement policy, and will also render still-born the hope for results from Mr. Chamberlain's projected visit to Rome.

Some quarters believe that Italy is already acting in close collusion with Germany, and express the opinion that as an outcome of Mr. Chamberlain's speech on the colonies question, this collusion will be officially manifested in the very near future.

Observers assert that the German thesis, which has been continuously impressed on the Italians with considerable success, is that the Mediterranean is Italy's special and exclusive domain by right, and that Europe's mainland is regarded as the area in which Germany is already, or soon will be, the rightful dominant power.

Semi-official circles generally agree that Italy's foreign policy and her open hostility to France particularly, is certainly fully approved by Germany, who is anxious to perpetuate tension between France and Rome because it increases Germany's freedom of movement elsewhere.

At the same time Italy's freedom of movement is increased by Anglo-German tension, hence, they declare, the Rome-Berlin axis is working at full pitch.

Many quarters here feel that the Italian "popular" demand for Tunis is not serious at present. However, it is believed that if Britain and France were faced with a serious crisis in their relations with Germany, Italy would not hesitate to attempt to seize Tunis with the support of Germany.—United Press.

STUDENTS DEMONSTRATE

Trieste, Dec. 9.
Several thousand students demonstrated this morning, shouting: "Tunis, Corsica, Nice."
The demonstrators approached the French consulate protesting against the treatment of their fellow citizens in Tunis, but no acts of violence were reported.—Reuter.

OFFICIAL SUPPORT

Rome, Dec. 9.
According to the Giornale d'Italia the Italian Government will soon officially support the Fascist demonstrations demanding French concessions.
Signor Gayda, writing on this, says that Italy's aspirations in the Mediterranean are just, and essential to Italy's life.
He added that Italy would receive "solid" German support.
The newspaper denied reports that Germany had asked Italy to tone down the demonstrations.—United Press.

FOUR DEAD IN AIR CRASH

Nancy, Dec. 9.
A military plane crashed in the suburbs of Nancy to-day, and all the occupants, numbering three or four, were killed.—Reuter Special.

Provisional statistics of imports from and exports to South China reveal that the total decline in movements of merchandise was \$18,100,000 compared with the corresponding period last year.

Compared with November last year, imports decreased last month by 64.2 per cent., while exports decreased by 68.3 per cent.

Total imports from South China were \$4,300,000, compared with \$12,000,000 in November, 1937. Exports to South China were \$3,900,000, compared with \$12,300,000 in the corresponding period last year.

Had the average for the first nine months of the year, which was before the Japanese military operations in South China, been maintained, trade between Hongkong and South China this year would have reached a record.

For the first nine months of the year, the average imports from South China were \$10,000,000 per month and exports to South China \$13,800,000 per month.

Maintenance of this average would have made the total imports from South China somewhere in excess of \$120,000,000. It is extremely unlikely that they will now exceed \$104,000,000.

Exports to South China for the year would have probably exceeded \$105,000,000. The total is now likely to be less than \$140,000,000.

For the purposes of official statistics the six cities of Canton, Kowloon, Yunnan, Hoihow, Wuchow and Kungchow are regarded as South China.

TWO ROUTES CLOSED

Of these, Canton is in Japanese hands and trade has ceased altogether. The position at Kowloon is obscure, but it is believed that no trade is now entering or leaving that port.

In normal years Hongkong trade with South China totals approximately \$200,000,000 per year. The actual total this year, despite stoppage in the last three months, will exceed this amount by nearly \$50,000,000, thanks to the record exports in the early months of the year.

Trade between Hongkong and South China is principally in live animals, Chinese medicines, foodstuffs and provisions, furs, metals, minerals and ores, nuts and seeds, oils and fats, paper and paperware, piece goods and textiles, and treasure.

In 1937 we imported foodstuffs and provisions to the value of \$14,239,000 and minerals and ores to the value of over \$20,000,000, in the same year exporting foodstuffs to the value of \$25,000,000, oils and fats to the value of \$14,259,000 and piece goods and textiles to the value of \$14,373,000.

In normal years, South China is invariably Hongkong's best customer.

Typhoon Toll Now 57

Death Roll Mounts
In Philippines

MANILA, Dec. 10.
Additional reports from the typhoon-stricken areas reveal that 37 additional deaths are known, bringing the total death toll to 57. It is feared that more casualties will yet be reported as soon as communications are fully restored.

The Sorsogon province, which was seriously affected, is still isolated due to a breakdown in communications. The latest death toll includes 18 casualties from Albay, nine from Sorsogon and ten from Samar.

In the town of Palapang in Samar, 12,000 people have been rendered homeless.—United Press.

FIGHTING RESUMED IN NORTH

Japanese Bring Up
Large Forces

MILO, Dec. 10.

HEAVY FIGHTING has resumed in north Hunan after a period of comparative quiet.

After a feeler thrust on Thursday, the Japanese have brought up large contingents of troops and renewed their southward thrust in earnest. The points of contention are Sankangtsui, Chowtsai and Tsing-tangvi, all on the north bank of the Yangtze River, about 25 miles south of Yoyang.

A concerted offensive was launched by the Japanese infantry and artillery units on Sankangtsui and Chowtsai at dawn yesterday. Fighting lasted the whole day and still continues with little change in the positions of both sides.

The Japanese offensive on Tsing-tangvi started on Thursday night. Continually pouring in reinforcements, the invaders succeeded in pushing back the defenders who number only about one company, to the hills immediately south where they are continuing their resistance.

Japanese troops are attempting to land at Luchowchih outside the mouth of the Sieniang River. One of their motor boats was damaged by Chinese fire during their abortive landing attempt on Thursday, but a fleet of Japanese boats is reported to be still lurking outside the river mouth.

Meanwhile, reports received here state that heavy Japanese troop concentrations are going on around Kuling on the Hunan-Hupsh border. Chinese military circles believe that the Japanese are planning a thrust to Pingkiang, a strategic town in northwestern Hunan. However, they predict that the invaders will encounter great difficulties in this attempt as they will have to cross the Mofushan mountain range, a natural bulwark in northeastern Hunan, before they can reach Pingkiang. The range is now heavily guarded by Chinese troops.—Central News.

RED BOMB KILLS SERVANT GIRL

Belgrade, Dec. 9.

According to reports from Agrani, an internal machine exploded on Thursday evening on the first floor of a house in the centre of the city, killing a servant girl, aged 14, and destroying the office of the National Organisation "Zbor" and "Adria Watch".

The outbreak is alleged to have been committed by Communist youths.—Trans-Ocean.

NEXT SESSIONS

Criminal Sessions for the month of December will commence next Friday at 10 a.m.

DALADIER GIVES FRANCE THE CHOICE

Stable Government
Or Anarchy

PARIS, Dec. 9.

"YOU MUST DECIDE to-day to overthrow me, or enable me to continue our effort," declared M. Edouard Daladier when he rose to speak in the Chamber this afternoon.

"In either case," he continued, "it should be done above-board and not through petty intrigues. Of the two roads, I have chosen mine. I am responsible for my own deeds and actions. I am a prisoner of no party and no man."

M. Daladier declared that the general strike, in the minds of its initiators, was a strike of a political character against the Government's foreign policy. He had photographs of works occupied in advance showing inscriptions insulting to Mr. Chamberlain and himself. The idea was to get the Government out by stopping all national activity.

One of the Union leaders said that if the strike was ineffective he would ask the Confederation of Trade Unions to decree an "insurrectional strike" for the establishment of a Trade Union Government, and the Premier then cited another leader as saying that had M. Daladier been overthrown "we shouldn't be where we are."—Reuter.

ECONOMIC PROGRAMME

Paris, Dec. 9.
The French Finance Minister, M. Paul Reynaud, speaking this afternoon before the Chamber, outlined his economic programme for the near future.

Comparing French and German development, he stated the necessity of taking steps to prevent a "flight of capital" and to bring about the "inflow" of money already sent abroad.

During the last seven years, according to M. Reynaud's statement, industrial development in France had declined by 25 per cent. while during the same period, Germany's industry showed a 50 per cent. increase.

Within the three months prior to M. Reynaud taking office as Finance Minister, the gold reserves of France were reduced by ten milliard francs.

Making comparisons between the French and German economic systems, M. Reynaud declared himself against the introduction of currency control in France.

He concluded by reminding the Chamber of the necessity for French "renewment" which, he said, must be taken into full consideration in France's programme for economic restoration.—Trans-Ocean.

LIVING ON CAPITAL

Paris, Dec. 9.

M. Reynaud speaking in the Chamber to-day, defended the decree laws. He said that France had long been living on her capital. France, borrowing at exorbitant rates, had been obliged to pawn abroad part of its gold stock, and had lost ten milliard francs of gold.

He said that if he had followed exchange control the pound would have lapsed to 250 francs.

He stressed that taxes in Germany and Italy were higher than in France, so that exchange control does not reduce the fiscal burdens.

M. Reynaud also declared that the "old stock equalisation fund" had been tripled since he became Finance Minister.—Reuter.

Do You Recall These Fateful Days?

ABDICATION SEEMS CERTAIN
PARLIAMENT IS READY TO RUSH THROUGH
NEEDED LEGISLATION
Duke of York's Abdication
To Throne is Automatic

RIFIC BATTLE FOR NANKING PREDICTED
Chinese Expected
Have Foothold
City by Night

Bombs Narrowly Miss U.S.S. Panama
CARRY USEFUL WEAPONS
EXTENSIVE AIR
ATTACKS BLAST
NANKING AREA

**HEAVY CHINESE FORCES
MOVING TOWARD FRONT**

REPRODUCED here are sections of the Hongkong "Telegraph's" front page for December 10, last year and in 1936—one and two years ago to-day.

On December 10, 1936, came the first public intimation that King Edward VIII might abdicate. Mr. Baldwin had motored to Fort Belvedere, had a fifty-minute audience of the King. The announcement had been made that "there is now no possibility of compromise between the King and his Ministers."

On December 10, 1937, the Japanese armies were drawing near Nanking. Intensive aerial bombardments were carried out along the lower Yangtze. The Japanese claimed that with the fall of Nanking, Chinese resistance would crumble. That was a year ago, to-day.

Macao-Canton Railway As New Threat to Hongkong

IF THE SUGGESTION of the Tokyo "Asahi Shimbun," leading Japanese newspaper, is adopted

a railway will be constructed between Canton and Macao; the Macao harbour will be dredged and modernised to an extent that will make it the safest and best harbour in South China;

Japanese capital will be forthcoming for a gigantic communications system radiating from the Portuguese Colony; and the value of Hongkong as entrepot for South China will cease.

A special correspondent of the Tokyo newspaper is now in Macao, investigating the possibilities of the scheme.

His report, published in the Asahi Shimbun this morning, recommends that co-operation with Macao is the most simple and best way for Japan to effect her planned economic development of South China.

The correspondent says that there are three possible alternatives for economic development by Japan of South China.

One would be to construct a big harbour at Whampoa, a scheme which was abandoned by the Chinese some years ago because it was found too expensive.

A second alternative would be to construct a harbour at Chungshan, on the west shore of Canton Bay.

The final scheme, which he recommends, is the one relating to Macao.

The correspondent admits that the first and second alternatives are impractical on the grounds of expense.

He recommends that the Japanese Government should co-operate with the Portuguese authorities in utilising Macao.

Pointing out that Hongkong at present maintains a supreme position in South China because of its facilities, the correspondent predicts that the construction of a railway to Canton, Macao would undoubtedly become the most important trading port in the Far East.

Macao's foreign trade totals about \$42,000,000 per annum. Of this total, the correspondent, about three-quarters represents Japanese merchandise, handled by Chinese and Indian merchants.

Typhoid In Croydon: City's Court Appeal

London, Dec. 9.

The Croydon Corporation is not appealing against the High Court decision in the test action arising out of the typhoid outbreak in the borough in which 43 people lost their lives.

The Corporation was found guilty of negligence in the water supply to the city.

It was announced to-day that approximately 230 other claims have been made against the Corporation, which is anxious that proper compensation be paid.

It is proposed to raise a loan over a period of 20 years.

It is probable that the Corporation's typhoid bill will be approximately £100,000.—Reuter.

LATE NEWS

European Has Narrow Escape As Car Bursts Into Flames

A narrow escape from death was experienced by Mr. W. V. Ahern, of the Imports and Exports Department, when his car suddenly caught fire as he was driving down Broadwood Road at 1.45 o'clock this morning.

Mr. Ahern was just approaching the intersection with Taiting Road when the car back-fired and caught fire.

The owner only had time to bring the car to a halt and leap to safety when the vehicle was enveloped in flames.

A fire appliance was called to the scene to extinguish the blaze, but the car was almost completely burnt out when it arrived.

P. W. D. Man Vainly Gives Life For Friend

Kwan Wing, a 40-year-old employee of the Public Works Department, yesterday vainly gave his life for a fellow-worker, Kwong Yung.

The two men were employed on a sewer in Island Road, Aberdeen.

Kwong Yung was working in the sewer when he was overcome by gas fumes.

Despite the risk to his own life, Kwan Wing immediately entered the sewer and attempted to drag his unconscious work-mate to the surface.

But he, too, was overcome. A fire brigade appliance could arrive on the scene with gas marks the two men were dead.

Kwan Wing is survived by a widow and three children.

(Further Late News on Page 20.)

DENMARK ARRESTS NAZI SPY RING

Copenhagen.

After secret investigations lasting several months Denmark's police recently swooped on a Nazi spy ring.

Fourteen people were arrested, among them three Nazi journalists, a German doctor, the director of a bank in Danish Schleswig, a solicitor's clerk, and three Danish citizens.

The following statement was issued after a meeting at the Foreign Office:

"The police have undertaken a series of investigations as a result of discoveries pointing to the establishment on Danish territory of an information service which could be carried on in case of war.

"THE PRINCIPAL"

"Some arrests have been made in various parts of the country but it is not yet certain whether any action will be taken in some cases.

"The principal person concerned is a man of foreign nationality living in Copenhagen, named Horst von Pflugk-Hartung, who, it is alleged, planned the organisation of the service.

"This was being done in the interests of a foreign power. It was not, however, concerned with Danish naval or military conditions, but aimed only at procuring information from the Danish coast regarding the movements of ships and similar matters."

WATCHED SHIPS

Herr Horst von Pflugk-Hartung, a prominent member of the German colony here, is Copenhagen correspondent of the Nazi newspaper, Berliner Boersenzettung.

One of the Nazi agents is alleged to have been stationed on the Great Belt, the narrow outlet from the Baltic, while another is said to have operated at Skagen on the northernmost tip of Denmark.

Their task was to report to the gang's headquarters in Copenhagen the movements of all foreign ships passing through the Straits.

The police have evidence that on one occasion, at least, information concerning a Russian cargo ship on its way to Spain was telephoned from Copenhagen to Hamburg and thence, presumably, wirelessly to France's cruisers.

PRECAUTIONS

Elaborate precautions were taken to prevent discovery of the conspiracy.

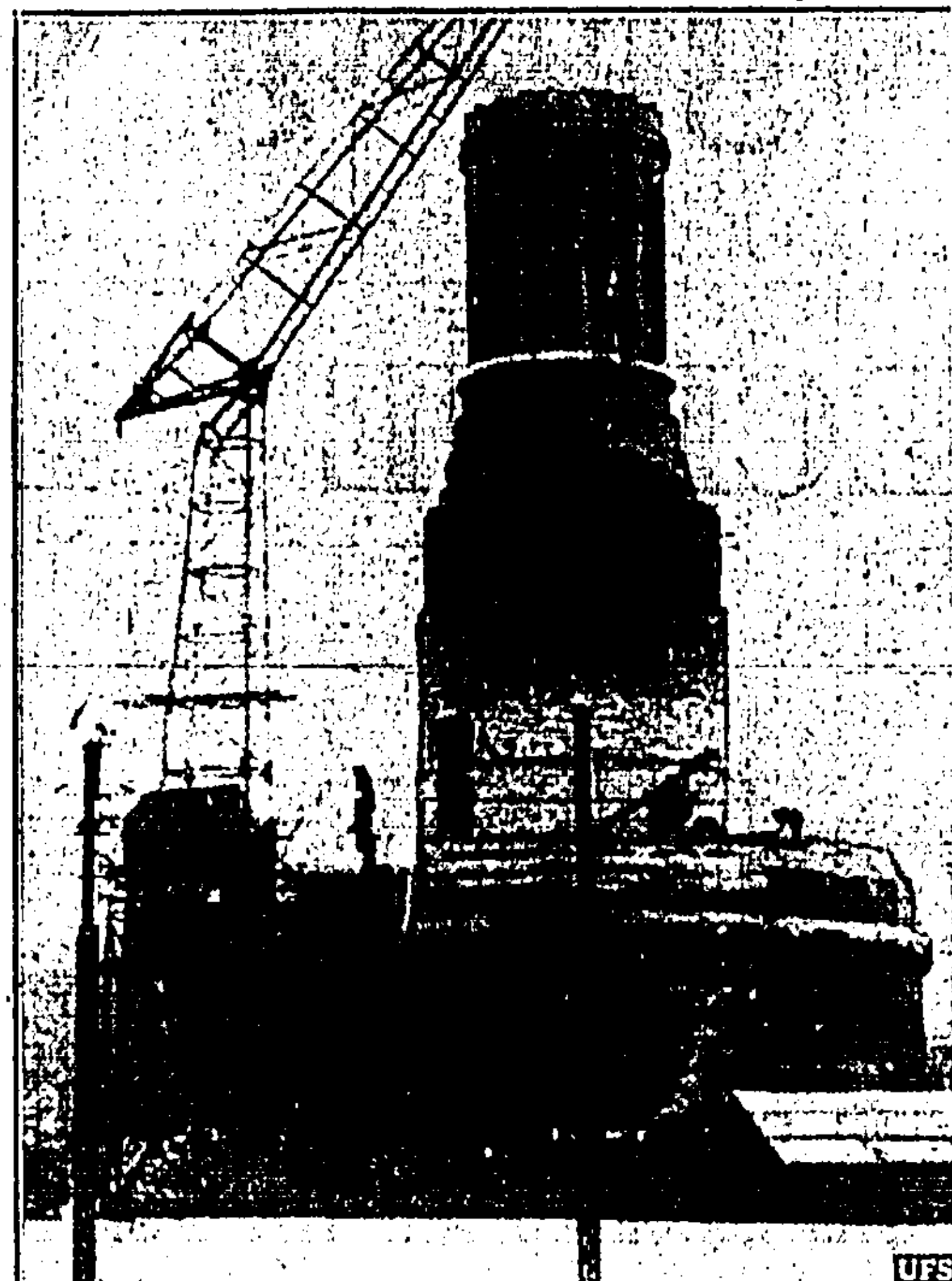
Two of the principal members of the ring, although they both lived in Copenhagen, never met and used to correspond through a third person in Korsor, 50 miles away.

As well as its observations on foreign shipping the organisation is believed to have acted as a clearing house for information collected by Nazi agents in the Scandinavian and Baltic countries.

Herr von Pflugk-Hartung is known to have been in daily contact with the German Legation here.



Leni Riefenstahl, plumber's daughter who became a German film star and one of Chancellor Hitler's few woman friends, said to have left Germany aboard the liner Europa to promote her film of the 1936 Olympics in America. Hitler authorised her to make a super-talkie of the Olympic Games and her assistants shot 1,700,000 feet of film. Herr Hitler formerly parked his car in front of her apartment in a fashionable part of Berlin and later she was his frequent dinner guest. Gossip about them has dwindled.



Chancellor Hitler's plan to reconstruct Berlin as the "Eternal City" shows this Victory monument in the Tiergarten, facing the Reichstag building. City's reconstruction will take 25 years.

Berlin
Landmark
To Go

BIRTH-RATE HIGHEST FOR FIVE YEARS

Fewer Mothers Die

Reduced infantile and maternal death-rates in England and Wales during 1937 are the chief points of the report, issued recently, of Sir Arthur McNalty, chief medical officer of the Ministry of Health.

The figures show a fall in maternal mortality to a rate of 3.13 per 1,000 total births, the lowest ever recorded in England and Wales.

Sir Arthur states that had deaths occurred in 1937 at the same rate as in 1934 814 more mothers would have died. The number of mothers who died last year was 1,988, and was for the first time below 2,000.

"From the medical and humanitarian standpoint," Sir Arthur adds, "every life that can be saved must be saved."

Infantile mortality-rate fell from 59 per 1,000 births in 1936 to 58 last year, or only one higher than the record low rate of 57 in 1935.

The number of births registered was 610,557, an increase of 5,205 on 1936; and deaths, 509,574, were 13,810 more. The birth-rate of 14.9 was the highest since 1932, when it was 15.3; the death-rate of 12.4 was 0.3 higher than 1936.

In 1899 the death-rate was 19.8 and the birth-rate 20.4, but of every 1,000 babies born 153 died. Highest number of deaths—128,713—was caused by disease of the heart.

The estimated population of England and Wales at the end of 1937 was 41,031,000, the natural increase

being 100,083, or a decrease of 8,545 on the 1936 increase.

OLDER MEN

With regard to the mortality of old age, Sir Arthur states that the chances of males surviving to pensionable age have improved nearly 30 per cent., and on women nearly 43 per cent. Ninety years ago 9.26 per cent. of the men who reached 60 lived to be 85, and 11.6 per cent. of the women.

According to the experience of 1930-32 about 10 per cent. of the men and 16.5 per cent. of the women would do so. But the rate of mortality of men over 70 was actually higher in 1937 than in 1936.

"The most enthusiastic hygienists hardly anticipate a sensible increase in the supply of centenarians," comments Sir Arthur.

SULTAN'S SONS CARRY THE HAGGIS

Ipoh.

The Perak St. Andrew's Society made history and "whooped" at the Ipoh Town Hall recently when 60 Scots assembled with nearly 350 guests to take part in the society's annual ball, for which most elaborate preparations had been made.

The ballroom looked beautiful with its drapings of tartan banners, interspersed with attractive colour posters depicting some of Scotland's glens, corries and historical towns.

The society made history in that the Sultan of Perak, with the Raja Perempuan Besar, attended supported by the British Resident and Mrs. Linchun, the Raja Muda and the Raja Puan Besar.

After the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," the Chieftain, Mr. J. S. Ferguson, referred to the fact that the Sultan was the first reigning Sultan to have attended their ball.

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- ALAN JONES. BARITONE.
- B8325 (Sea Call.
- (Life and Death.
- B0244 (Little Prayer I Love.
- (Trees. (Riesach).
- PETER DAWSON. BARITONE.
- B8320 (Ah Sweet Mystery of Life.
- (Italian Street Song.
- B8247 (I Love You So (Merry Widow).
- (Villa (Merry Widow).
- JEANETTE MACDONALD. SOPRANO.
- DB1409 (Stenka Rasine.
- (Doubt (Glinka).
- DB1008 (When the King Went Forth to War.
- (In Questa Tomba Oscura.
- FEODOR CHALIAPIN. BASS.
- DB1278 (Lo Here the Gentle Lark.
- (Solviegs Song (Perr Gyn).
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- D1283 (On Wings of Song. (Mendelssohn).
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HUSBAND STRUCK WRONG MAN

A husband, married only a few weeks, whose wife complained that a man had been following her, ran into the street and attacked a man he found there.

It was the wrong man, and at Stratford, E., police court recently the husband, William Harris (28), shop manager, of Grove Hill, South Woodford, was sent to prison for four months for causing grievous bodily harm to Emil Gustav Gloor, of Dalston Road, E.

As he left the dock Harris cried "I am innocent," and his wife was carried from court screaming hysterically.

Notice of appeal was given and sureties fixed at £50.

Gloor, a Swiss, said for some days he was unable to see through the injury to his eyes and he had hospital treatment.

Harris said that on October 8 his wife came home from shopping in a fainting condition and said a man had been following her.

He went out in his carpet slippers and seeing a man who appeared to be hiding in the shadows run away, he followed. They came to blows.

The next day he apologised to Gloor's relatives for "having done wrong to an innocent man."

Mrs. Harris was called and said Gloor was not the man who had followed her.

The Chairman, Mr. H. A. Chapell, said Harris was fortunate not to be on a charge of manslaughter.

Hawkers Sell No-Hawker Signs

Melbourne.

One hawker here has solved the problem of making a living by offering for sale, before housewives have time to shut the door in his face, a sign reading "No Hawkers Allowed." If they already have such a sign, he offers, instead one reading "Beware of the Dog."

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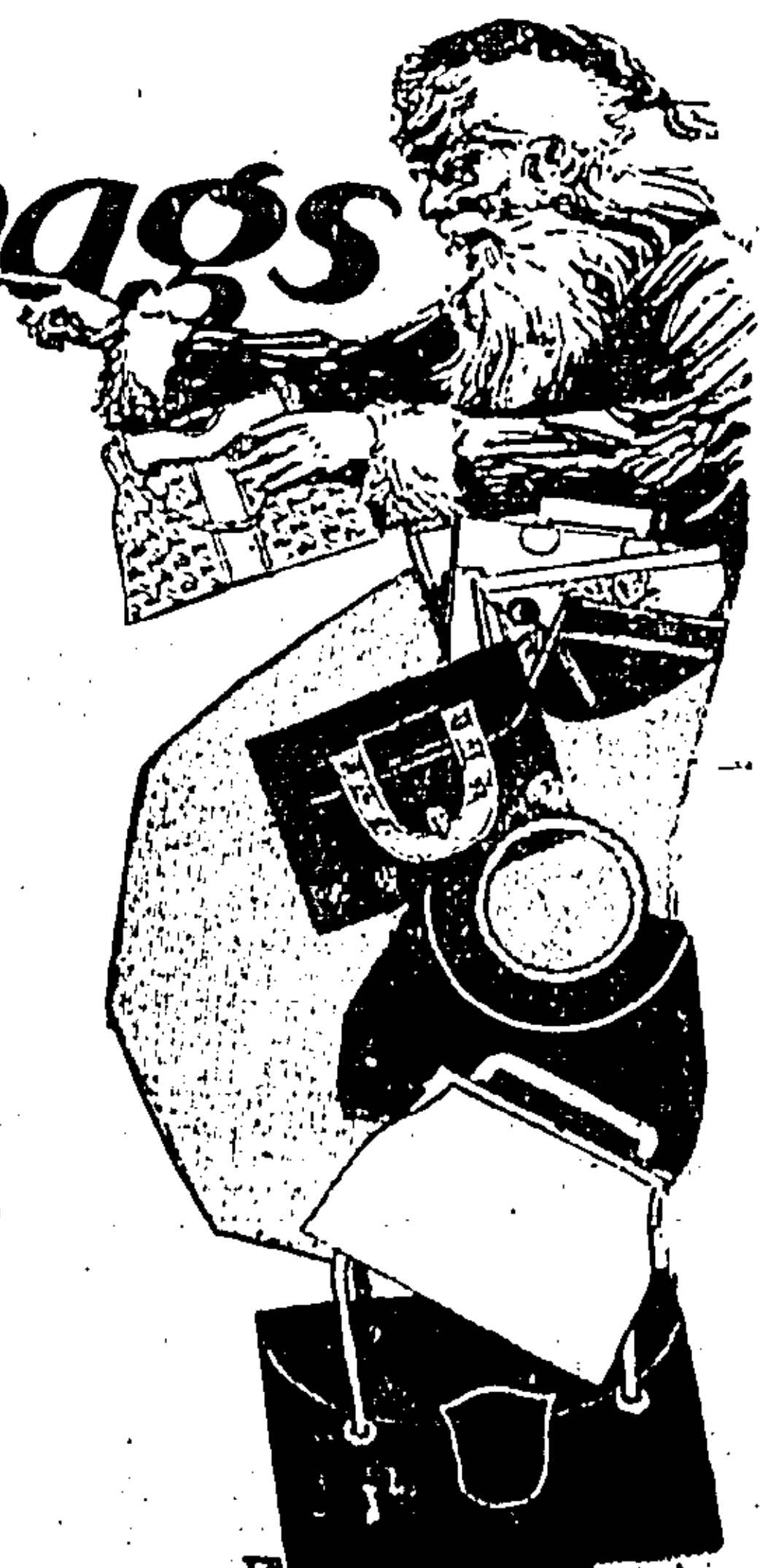
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Glamour Girls Less Popular?

Will Walt Disney's Dopey, or a successor, become a rival to Robert Taylor? Is the popularity of "leg shows" waning?

These are questions which the British Film Institute is asking. Its report, published says that "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" has been the most successful film of the year, and goes on:

"Though we may still be far from the day when our Garbos and Robert Taylors will be superseded by Dopey, Grumpy, or Sneezzy, the growing plasticity of the cartoon film, and the wide popularity of its appeal suggest tremendous possibilities."

EXIT GLAMOUR

Referring to the increasing number of films released, the report states: "It is significant of a rising standard of film appreciation that certain 'popular' types of film are hardly represented at all."

"Crude humour, featureless conglomerations of legs and 'glorious girls' do not, apparently, attract audiences as much as they once did. Signs are encouraging for British production."

Big-scale films have been fewer, but the scales more than balance by the greater concentration on facets of typically British life.

MORE FILMS IN SCHOOLS
Films such as "Owd Bob," "Edge of the World," "Bank Holiday," and "South

Riding" represent this country much more surely than many lavish super-films have done in the past, and their occurrence is timely and hopeful."

On United States films the report comments: "Crazy comedy, though proclaimed to be dead, seems as yet quite a vigorous corpse."

The library of historical films preserved by the institute now includes 699 silent and talking pictures, among them "The Life of Charles Peace," made in 1903.

Number of cinema equipments in schools and colleges has risen from 916 to 1,400.

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ABBEY TOMB MAY NOT BE SPENSER'S

Mystery Of 6ft. Leaden Coffin

Scientists were puzzled recently by the discovery in Poet's Corner, Westminster Abbey, of a leaden coffin 6ft. 2in. long and 2ft. wide, which was found at the place where it was thought that the remains of Edmund Spenser, the 16th-century poet, would be unearthed.

To make this riddle even more profound was the discovery of human bones on top of the coffin.

The discoveries were made in attempts to find Spenser's grave in the hope that light would be shed on the problem of whether Shakespeare's works were written by William Shakespeare or by Bacon.

Nobody knows if the grave that has been found is that of Spenser, who was buried in 1699, or that of Michael Drayton, another poet, who was buried in 1630.

The monument to Spenser is in the wall of Poet's Corner at the end of a rectangular space. At right-angles to this wall runs another in which is a monument to Drayton. Now it is opposite this monument and at least 10ft. away from that of Spenser that the hole was dug.

This was because, in taking the flagstones up facing Spenser's monument, nothing but solid masonry was found; it was only when the area in front of Drayton's monument was reached that earth was found.

ANOTHER PROBLEM
So the gravediggers got to work. They had delved only 18 inches when they came to human bones—a skull, and a jawbone lying some distance away with pelvis and other remains. There was no sign of a coffin or other container.

The gravediggers and scientists who were present were puzzled. They decided to delve farther. Another 12 inches down they struck a leaden coffin fast falling to decay.

Carefully it was uncovered, and as the earth was removed it was sifted in the hope that perhaps, after all, this was Spenser's grave and among the earth might be found fragments of paper or of quills with which poets of the day wrote their tributes to their friend when he was buried.

But nothing was found save a few tiles and small pieces of wood. Then another problem presented itself. When they measured the leaden shell and found it was 6ft. long, the experts argued that it could not be the coffin of Edmund Spenser, for he was a small man.

Whose coffin is it? Whose are the bones thrown so carelessly on top of it? These riddles may be solved, for it is the intention to raise the leaden shell and examine it. It is possible that yet another coffin will be found beneath it.

NO ANSWER
Among those who were present during the digging were the Dean of Westminster, Dr. Paul de Lablanciere, the Duke of Rutland, Sir Charles Peers, the archaeological expert, and Professor H. J. Plenderleith, of the British Museum Research Laboratory.

The investigations have been undertaken in the hope that Spenser's grave might solve the mystery of Shakespeare. The Bacon Society quote the words of Camden, the historian, who recorded that when Spenser was buried all the famous poets in the land wrote and threw into the grave laudatory sonnets of the dead man.

It is argued that, as at the time Shakespeare was a poet of eminence, he must have been one of those who wrote at Spenser's graveside.

The new investigations have, so far, provided no answer to the riddle.

Steel Traps Banned

NORWALK, O.

The county humane officer has placed a ban on steel traps for capturing wild rabbits that have been damaging garden and flower beds. He said the traps would catch birds, dogs, cats and even children.



Determined crusader against the Hague Democratic organization in Jersey City, N. J., is James (Jeff) Burklitt, 50, released after six months in the Hudson County prison following his arrest in a free-speech fight. He is shown at breakfast with his wife. He charged he was "thrown out" 24 hours early to spoil a reception for him.

King Gives Playground Near Castle

Seventy-seven acres of the Royal Gardens, Windsor Castle, have been presented by the King to Windsor Corporation for the use of the youth of the district.

Known as Home Park, the land has for some time been used as a recreation ground for children, and it is understood that it will remain an open space upon which children will be able to play.

Part of Home Park has a frontage to the Thames and is overlooked by the Castle.

Here's Hot News From All Studios!

Following on the sensational success scored by Hedy La Marr in her first Hollywood picture, "Algiers," M.G.-M. is speeding up production on a new picture for her. Director Josef von Sternberg, who guided Marlene Dietrich to film fame, has been signed to direct Hedy in "Lady of the Tropics," and the studio intends to co-star her in a picture with Clark Gable, possibly "New Orleans."

With "Northwest Passage" postponed for a while, Robert Taylor has skipped off for a little vacation, travelling under his real name, Spangler A. Brugh, and accompanied by his friend, Don Milo, who also acts as his stand-in on occasion.

Johnny Weissmuller gets a cheque for about £300 every week, whether he's working or not, so that he will be free to film his three "Tarzan" pictures a year.

Madeleine Carroll has just signed an agreement with Paramount to

SOVIET ARRESTS A PRINCE

TEACHER OF ENGLISH
ON SLANDER CHARGE

Moscow.
Prince S. Volkonsky, described by the Soviet Press as "the last of a long line of Tsar's lackeys," was sent for trial recently, charged with "slandering an honest woman worker, the offspring of a toiling family."

Prince Volkonsky earns his living as a "modest teacher of the English language in Leningrad." His wife and three friends will be tried with him on the same charge. The case arose out of a dispute between neighbours in a typical Russian flat, in which several different families live together.

According to the "Besbojnik," the official organ of the "Millant, Goodless Ones' League," two beggars, a man and a woman, who used to stand outside the door of a church in Moscow, attracted the suspicion of the authorities by the way they made the Sign of the Cross when receiving alms from people coming out of church.

It is alleged that they made the Swastika sign instead of the Christian Cross, and they are charged with being German agents.



This is a picture of Fauzi Bey, Syrian terrorist and thorn in the British side in Palestine. It was found in a packet of pictures picked up behind the Arab lines, after Fauzi had made a raid attack on the British encampment at Nablus.

Died During "Black-Out"

London.
While trying to invent a respirator to prevent air pilots' "black-out," a 17-year-old Weybridge Surrey aircraft worker was asphyxiated. The boy, James Nelson Hadlow of Wynton, Ellesmere Road, Weybridge, was found dead by his parents at his home with a mackintosh over his head. Evidence was given that in the sleeve of the mackintosh was a rubber grip from a handbar, in which were four moth-balls. Attached to the grip was a cotton reel, secured by a rubber band. Dr. Eric Gardner, pathologist, said that he thought he was trying a boy's experiment and was unable to release himself owing to the naphtha he had inhaled. A verdict of "Death by misadventure" was recorded.

Teacher Has Empty School

Grants Pass, Ore.
Mrs. Anna Slean, school teacher, has a job but no work. Last year she had 10 pupils in her school, but gradually all either moved away or discontinued, leaving her with the school house, her job, her salary, but no work.

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

1—Female child
2—In ancient Greece, initiated one
3—Mental image
4—Eagle's nest
5—Contemptible (biblical)
6—Top
7—Chariots
8—Hate
9—Cruelty
10—Coddling house
11—Widow
12—Mistaken wand
13—Lined
14—Animated
15—Amorous circles
16—Infernal sitting-room
17—Identity
18—Enquirer
19—Protection
20—Deceased
21—Adult female
22—Thy
23—Decreased
24—Infernal
25—Peak, absence of
26—Dead
27—Debate
28—Intervening time
29—On top of
30—Prepared for publication
31—Impetuous feeling
32—Take out

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

3—Galley
4—Woman beloved
5—Aunt's stand
6—Punishable
7—By word of mouth
8—Domestic animal
9—Maker of will
10—Burial place
11—Plant
12—Genus of trees
13—Grain storehouse
14—Old Norse poem
15—Grove of
16—Large fruit
17—Commencement
18—Winged
19—Instances
20—Electron
21—Large hummingbird
22—Call forth
23—Deluded
24—Liberation
25—Frightful creature
26—Glorious woman
27—Water measuring device
28—Humorous amir
29—Amirate (Prov. Eng.)
30—Liberation
31—Entertained
32—Exotic bird
33—Always
34—Undressed turban
35—Minute object
36—Upper hip-bone
37—Severa
38—Ambitions
39—Come to life

DOWN

1—Exposition of ridicule
2—Same (Latin)

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Miss Alice Head, the Englishwoman who has bought antiques to the value of nearly a million pounds in Britain on behalf of Mr. William Randolph Hearst, the American newspaper millionaire, has been appointed by him to sell them again.

She made his first big purchase in 1925 on receipt of a three-word cable from him at his Californian ranch: "Buy St. Donat's Castle."

Since then she has had the spending of three-quarters of a million on decorations and furnishings. Many of the tables, chairs, chests and hangings were unique of their kind and all in strict period.

"Now Mr. Hearst, who is nearly 76, wants to liquidate some of his interests," Miss Head said.

CUP THAT COST £6,000

Among St. Donat's treasures is a small wooden mazer, or drinking cup, given by James I. to David Ferguson and handed down in the Ferguson family for over 300 years.

Miss Head bought it for £6,000. "Mr. Hearst's chief interest was in Gothic," she said, "and the Gothic collection is probably the finest there is."

"A good many thousands of pounds' worth of Gothic furniture, tapestries and armour have already been sold to private buyers at the castle and museums in various parts of the world."

"I expect several shiploads of very good things which have been stored in New York to be sent here."

"Mr. Hearst considers the London market the best in the world."

Most of the private sales have been arranged through Mr. Frank Partridge, King Street, Mallett's, of New Bond Street, have about a fourth of the furniture and works of art. Queen Mary was the first visitor to their display.

The silver will be sent to Christie's for sale early in December. Another part of this collection fetched over £21,000 at Sotheby's a year ago.

It is not yet settled who shall have the armour and tapestries.

MERELY INCIDENTAL

But the disposal of nearly £1,000,000 in treasures is merely incidental to Miss Head's real job as managing director of National Magazines, Mr. Hearst's English organisation, with one of the highest salaries in British Journalism.

Her first job, which led directly to her present one, she got through answering an advertisement in the old Daily News.

In private life her chief pre-occupation is her invalid mother. She lives very simply and you will not find a single piece of historic furniture in her London flat.



Francisco Castillo Najera, Mexican Ambassador to the United States, who recently conferred with Under-Secretary of State Sumner Welles, in Washington, toward an agreement over the expropriation of American-owned lands in Mexico. Details of the agreement were not announced, but more than \$10,000,000 worth of lands were involved in the discussion.

To Cash or Not to Cash?

Willoughby, O. A. C. Knight, attorney, has rediscovered a check drawn against the United States treasury department for 85 cents. It was issued Sept. 22, 1924. He is undecided whether to frame the check or send it to Washington.

Starlings Steal Grape Crop

Ridgeway, Ont. M. W. Sexsmith, farmer, claims that his grape crop was stolen by starlings. Expecting a yield of nearly a ton, he harvested only 30 quarts.

Lawyer To Write Life of George V.

Petersfield (Hants.) The King and Queen Mary have asked Mr. John Gore to write a personal memoir of the late King George V.

Sitting in the study of his secluded villa at Rogate, near here, Mr. Gore is already busy on the preliminary work.

Who is Mr. John Gore? His name does not appear in the reference directories. He is unknown to the general public as a writer.

His full name is John Francis Gore. He is the 53-year-old, youngest son of Sir Francis Gore, for eleven years chairman of Hants Quarter Sessions.

Mr. Gore, tall and grizzled-haired, works to a strict schedule in his house in the Hampshire woodlands. His days are spent studying documents and private records of the Royal Family.

In some of his work he is assisted by his wife, the former Lady Janet Campbell, descendant of the historic Scottish house of the Thanes of Cawdor. They have been married for twelve years.

Mr. Gore is a barrister of the Inner Temple. He has always been more interested in biography than the law, however. He has published "Charles Gore," "Nelson's Hardy and his Wife," "Sydney Holland, Lord Kintyre." He has also written essays.

POVERTY AMONG THE CLERGY

London. At the recent Church Assembly speakers could not agree on salaries for the clergy. A number of speakers pointed out that the salaries paid in respect of certain livings were barely sufficient for a man to keep his wife and children. As the Bishop of London pointed out, young men coming into the Church do not want riches, but they do want to provide for their wives and children. A commission is sitting on the question of salaries at the present time.

NO BAIL WITHOUT FINGER PRINTS

On the instructions of the Public Prosecutor, three prisoners at Tunbridge Wells police court recently were told that they could only get bail if they left their fingerprints with the police.

In the dock were Captain Fred Russell, proprietor of a Hova domestic agency, Mary Hanson and Kathleen Martin.

They were charged with conspiring with other persons unknown "to cheat and defraud such persons as might be induced to part with money to Fred Russell for tuition as prospective managers of employment agencies, then open or about to be opened in Kent and Sussex towns by Fred Russell."

The Chief Constable, Mr. Guy Carlton, suggested that in the case of Russell bail should be £350 in his own recognisance, with a surety of £250.

Russell: I think in the public interest you had better cut that out. £350! We would gladly go to the cells.

The chairman said they would grant Russell bail in his own recognisance of £250 and one surety of £250. In the case of the two women, the amount would be £75 each on their own recognisance, with one surety of £75 each.

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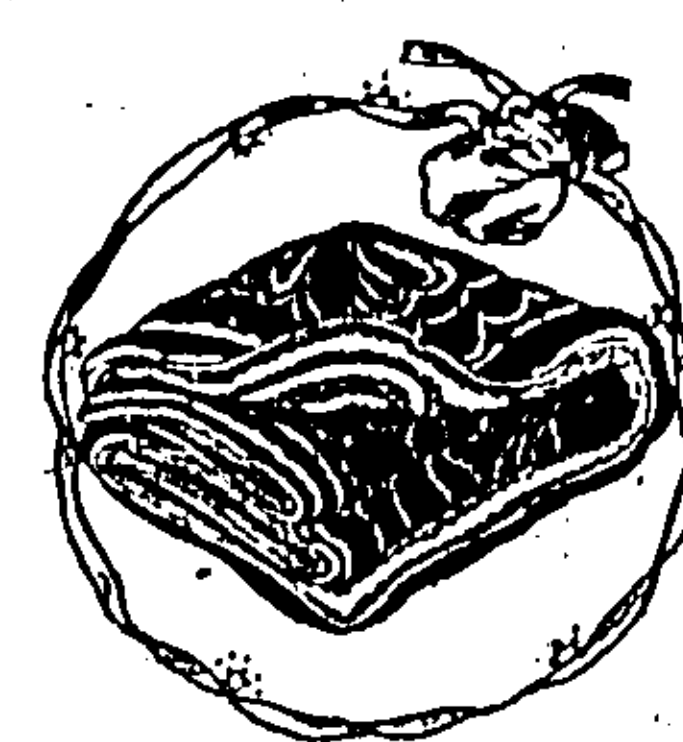
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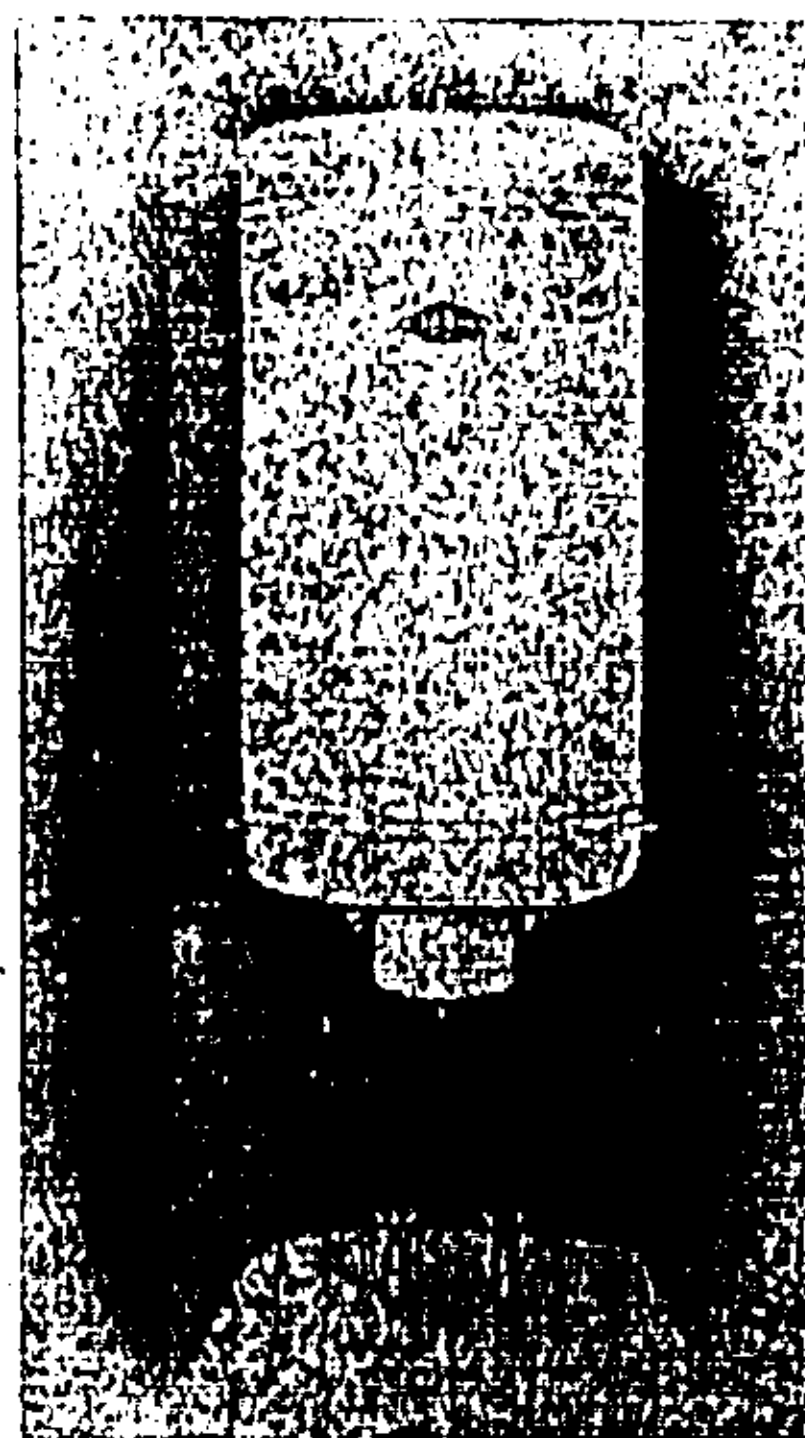
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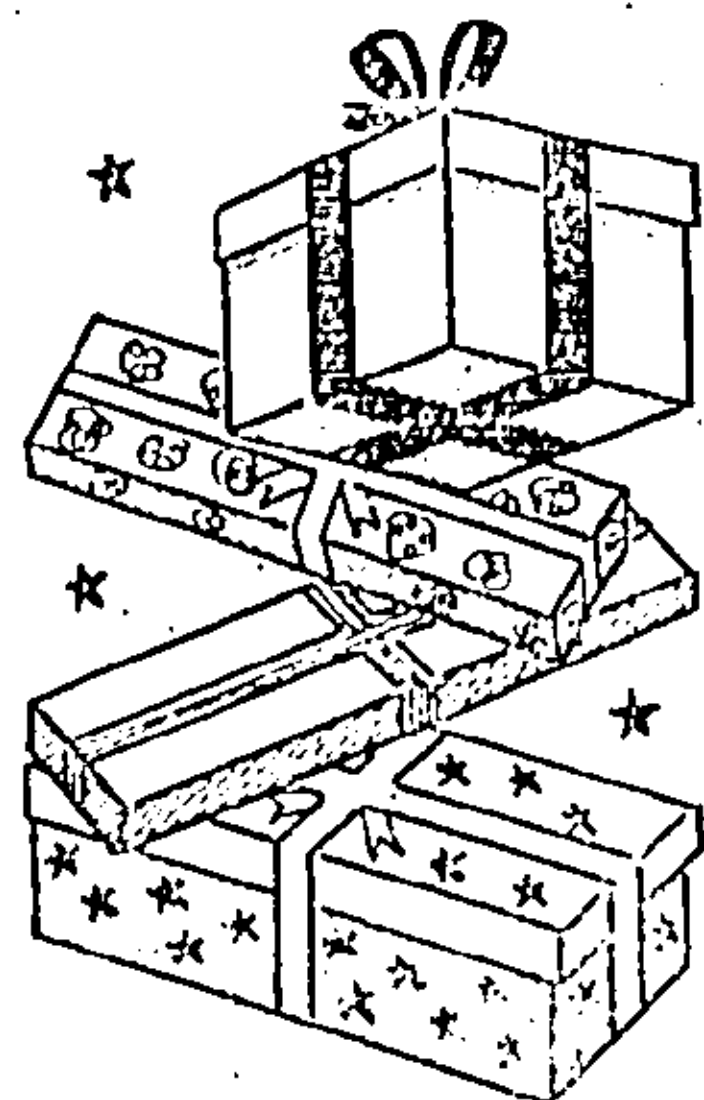
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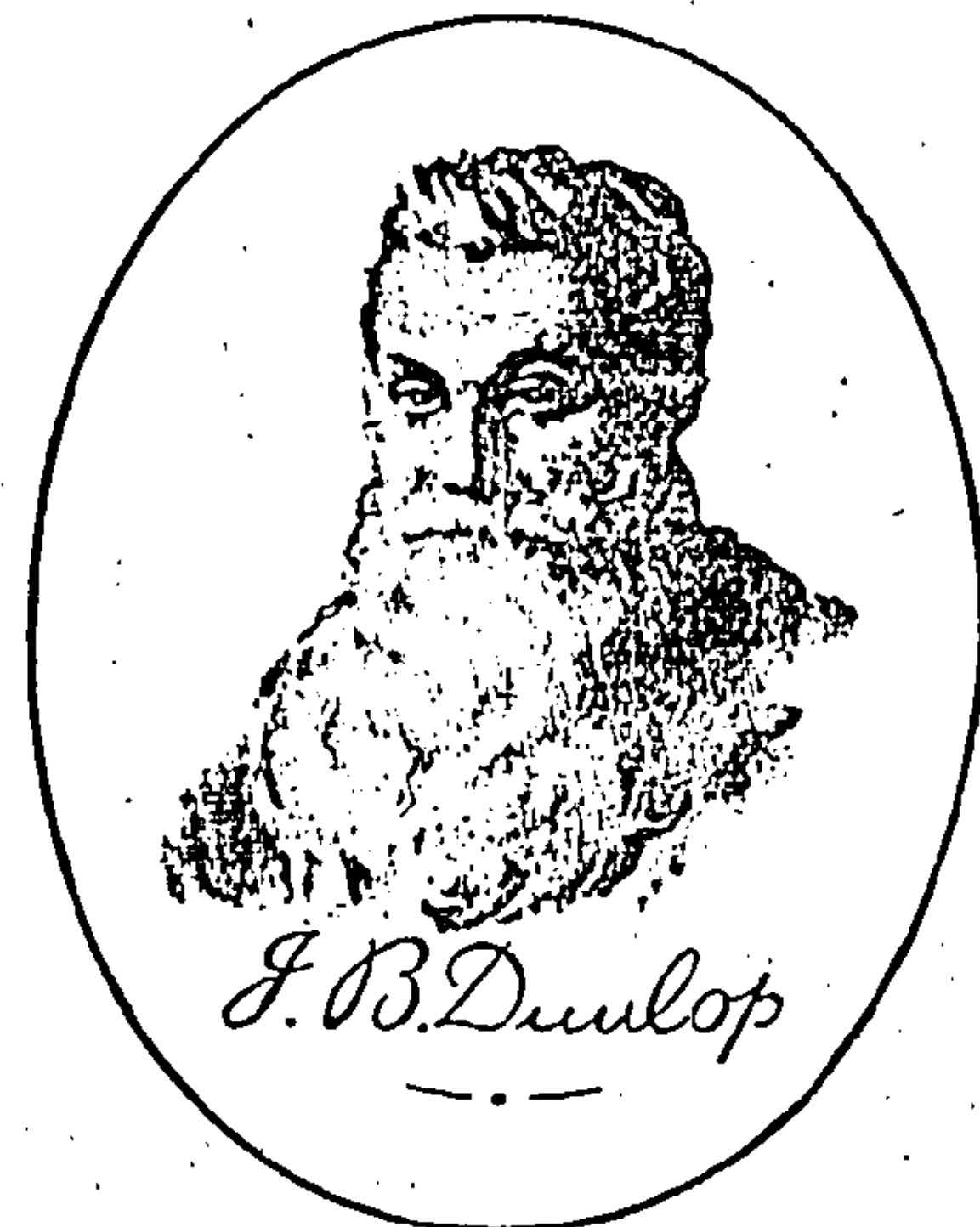
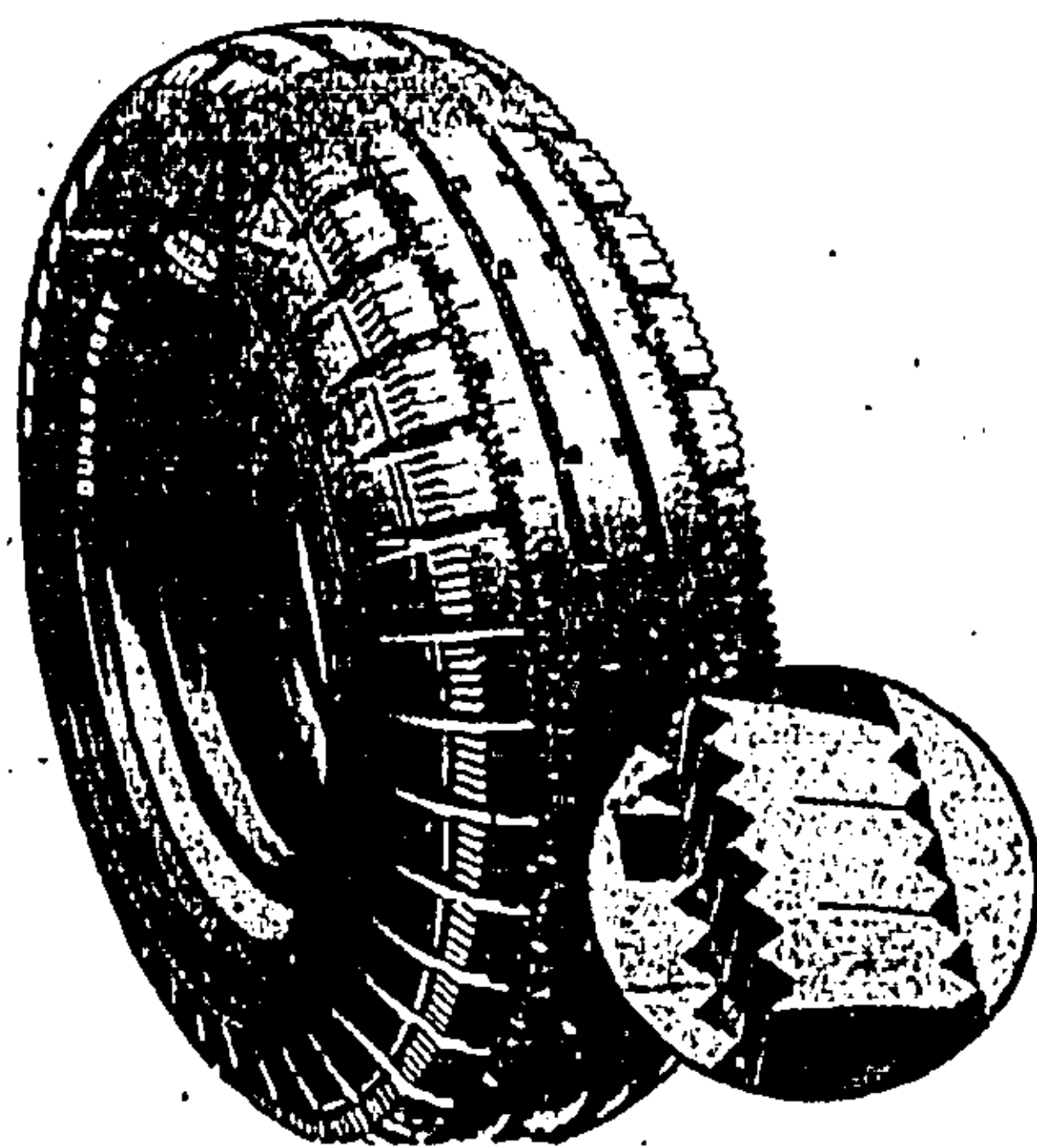


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Lady Hope And Her Umbrella

An occasion when she found herself unconsciously in possession of "a very beautiful umbrella" in a West End store was recalled by Lady Hope, widow of Sir Edward Stanley Hope, at Marylebone police court recently.

She was appealing on behalf of her parlourmaid, Constance Mary Russell (39), of Park Square West, Regent's Park, who was charged with stealing remnants from an Oxford Street store.

"Most people have mental aberrations," Lady Hope said. "This happened to me three years ago. I was in Burlington Arcade. I wished to buy a very good umbrella, but they were so expensive that they would not do for me.

"As I went out of the shop, to my horror a hand was laid on my wrist and very gently a beautiful umbrella was taken from my hand.

"AWFUL FEELING"
"I remember the awful feeling. I cannot explain it. This, of course, is what Constance has gone through."

Lady Hope added that of all her maids, she put Constance at the top of her list.

Mr. Ivor Snell, the magistrate, said the case of Constance differed from that of Lady Hope in that Constance went to two shops and took five remnants. He told Constance she ought to be very grateful to Lady Hope for giving her such a high testimonial.

Constance said she was most grateful. She had never had a better employer.

Lady Hope said Constance had been with her for about 15 years and had charge of her jewels and plate. Her feelings towards her were those of respect and affection.

WENT OUT TOGETHER

They went out together to Bond Street, and there they parted.

What apparently happened, Lady Hope said, was that Constance, on her way home, went into these shops to buy some remnants to make up into Christmas presents.

A little flustered at finding herself later than she should be to prepare tea, her mind became in a maze and she did not know what she was doing. The maid was fined £5, with 50s. costs.



Secretary of Labour Frances Perkins, who was recently accused by Chairman Dies of the committee investigating un-American activities of shielding Harry Bridges, West Coast labour leader marked for deportation to Australia.

Third Triplets for Family

Cape Town.
For the third time in 12 years triplets have been born to Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Groenewald, of Frankfort, in the Orange Free State. Mr. and Mrs. Groenewald have 14 children. A fund has now been raised for the last set of triplets.

PRINCE SHOT DEAD BY WOMAN

Milan.

Prince Luigi Alberico Trivulzio, seventy-year-old member of one of the oldest families of Milanese nobility, was shot dead in the street by a woman recently.

The woman, who is aged forty-one, has been arrested. Her name is given as Signorina Maria Antonietta Lazzarini.

She stopped the prince in the street and demanded to know why he would not see her.

When the prince replied in sharp tones the woman is alleged to have drawn a revolver and fired five shots at him. The prince died within a few minutes.

Prince Trivulzio was a big land owner. His wife has been lady-in-waiting to Queen Elena for several years, and their daughter is lady-in-waiting to the Crown Princess Marie-Jose.

Turtle Attacks Hen

EL RENO, Okla.

Mrs. Aubrey Niles ran out of her house here, alarmed by some squawking, and saw one of her chickens disappearing in a mudhole. Grabbing the bird, she found it was being pulled under by a large turtle.

Marital Pacifier Ready

Omaha, Neb.

Juan Valencia, 28, and Doris Haden, 23, are sure they'll live happily. The couple was married in a radio studio and an electrical transcription was made of the ceremony—including an audible kiss. When trouble brews in the Valencia household, the record reminds them of "love, honour and obey."

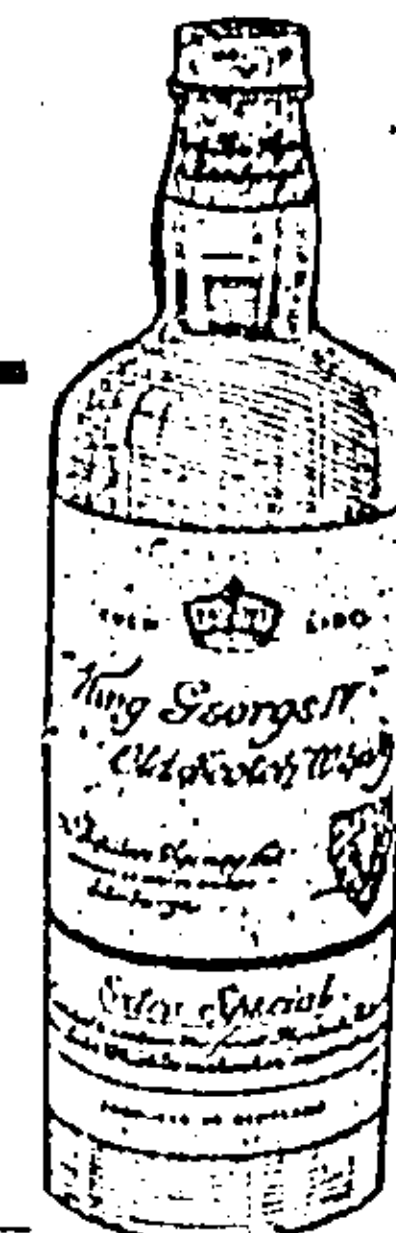


David Lloyd-George, Britain's white-haired, war-time Prime Minister, as he appeared in London, recently, at the Administration. Speaking before the London Free Church Federation Club, he asserted that the Munich pact had lost world respect for Britain and eventually there would be "war, and war without friends."

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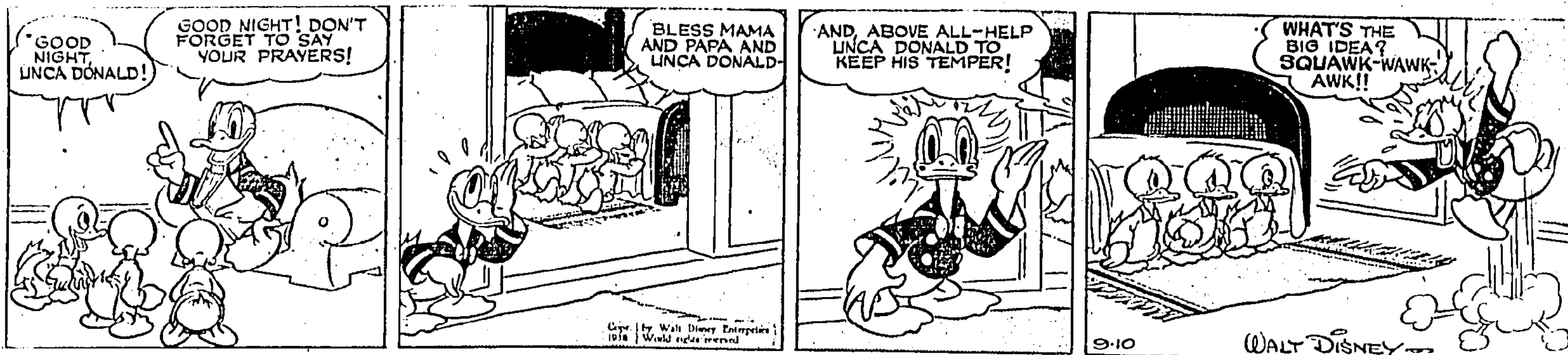
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Dr. F. H. Kew appeared before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday on a charge of driving a motor car in a dangerous manner on November 6 with the rear number plate obscured by the hood, which was down, and for having driven the vehicle on the same road in a manner dangerous to the public.

Dr. Kew admitted the first charge through Mr. F. Zimmern, but denied the second one.

Sub-Inspector A. H. Brittain: "At 4.20 p.m. on November 6 I was proceeding in Sal Kung Road from the direction of Kowloon City and was about 50 yards from the right hand corner of the Road when I saw a car coming from the opposite direction at a fast speed, negotiating the left hand bend, which was the right hand bend to me. The car came to within a few feet of the wrong side of the road, and the driver, after some time, pulled out

of the left hand side of the road to the right again.

"I then saw that the driver was accompanied by a lady. They were laughing. I turned round and gave chase, and then saw that the number plate of the car was obscured by the hood, which was down. I caught up with the car in Kowloon City and informed the driver that I would take out two summonses against him. I then went back to the point of the road where he had been on the wrong side, and found that the road was 77 feet in width."

Questioned by Mr. Macfadyen, Sub-Inspector Brittain said that when he first saw Dr. Kew's car he was about 50 yards away from the bend.

"If I had been closer to the bend," said witness, "there must have been an accident, because he was a few feet on the wrong side of the road." Mr. Zimmern: You made a special point of mentioning that the defendant and the lady sitting with him were laughing. Do you object to that laughter?

Sub-Inspector Brittain: No. I do not object to anyone laughing.

What was the point of mentioning that?—Because of the fact that when they got out of the corner they were laughing.

What impression are you trying to convey to the Court when you say that these two people were laughing?—I am not trying to make any impression.

You are giving evidence in a dangerous driving summons. Are

you suggesting that this laughter is material to this charge of yours?—No. I do not suggest that.

Could Have Been in Danger Were you in any danger of being hit by Dr. Kew's car?—No, but I could have been if I had been 50 yards further ahead.

Was Dr. Kew's car or his driving at that moment dangerous to anybody at that time?—It was definitely dangerous.

To whom? There was no one on the road.—Because there is no one there does not make it any less dangerous to be on the wrong side of the road.

Mr. Zimmern then questioned the witness on the alleged "fast speed" of the car. Witness said that he did not say how fast Dr. Kew had been travelling, but that he was going fast.

What do you term a fast speed? 30 or 40 miles an hour?—I think he was doing about 30 miles.

This is just a shrewd guess on your part?—You asked me for it.

At this point, Mr. Macfadyen intervened and said that in the circumstances, he was satisfied there was no actual danger to any member of the public.

Dr. Kew was therefore discharged on the dangerous driving count, and fined \$5 for the obscured number plate.

Mr. Zimmern then mentioned that Dr. Kew, who saw a clear road ahead of him, had originally drawn over to the right-hand side of the road in order to park.

China Light Co. To Seek Big Increase In Capital

Million Dollars In Dividends

The Directors of the China Light and Power Co., Ltd., have decided to recommend to shareholders, at the forthcoming annual meeting, that the profit for the past financial year (after providing \$845,000 for depreciation) amounting to approximately \$1,063,000, plus \$100,000 brought forward from last year, be dealt with as follows:

To pay a Dividend of 50 cents per share on the "Old" Shares and proportionate amounts on the "New" Shares, amounting to	\$ 934,000
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To carry forward approximately	104,000
	\$1,163,000

The dividend will be payable on December 21, 1938.

The Directors have also decided to convene an extraordinary meeting of the Company, to be held immediately after the annual meeting on 21st December, for the purpose of increasing the Company's authorised capital to \$15,000,000 by the creation of One Million new shares of the nominal value of \$5 each.

It is the Directors' intention, if the proposed increase of capital is passed, thereupon to make an offer to shareholders of 400,000 new shares in the proportion of one new share to every five existing shares held by them, respectively, at the date of the extraordinary meeting. Such new shares will be issued at par.

The first instalment of \$2.50 per share will be payable upon acceptance of the offer on 1st February, 1939; the balance will be called up as and when required.

Vicious Attack On European By Snatcher

With nasty cuts in her face and suffering somewhat from shock, a European woman, Mrs. V. Miranoff, 39, of 29 Jordan Road, Kowloon, lies in the Kowloon Hospital today. The police are seeking a Chinese who viciously assaulted her yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Miranoff aroused her assailant's anger when he tried to seize her handbag in May Road and she held grimly to it.

Unable to shake her grip from the bag, the Chinese struck her a violent blow on the back, threw her on the ground, and stamped on her face with his foot. He then fled. The bag contained \$3.

Mrs. Miranoff is a children's governess employed at 1A Robinson Road. One of her charges, a young girl named Christine Hickman, was walking with her, but a little ahead, when the attack occurred.

Mrs. Miranoff's general condition is satisfactory.

Abusive Attack On Lord Baldwin

Berlin, Dec. 9. An abusive personal attack on Lord Baldwin appears in the Lokaleitung in connection with his broadcast appeal on behalf of Jewish refugees. The paper says: "The speech is the limit of mendacious humanitarian hypocrisy."

"It is a 100 per cent. expression of Anglo-Saxon cant, insincerity, exploitation of the lachrymatory gland, gutter humanity."

"We don't mind if Lord Baldwin collects whatever he can, and gives the money to anyone he pleases. 'That is his business, and it is the domestic political affair of the British nation. But we must ask of Lord Baldwin that he should not meddle with our affairs like a guttersnipe.'"

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12.30 Howard Jacobs (Saxophone). Down In The Forest (Sir London Ronald); At Dawning (Cadman); From The Land Of The Sky-Blue Water (From 'Four American-Indian Songs'—Cadman) with String Quintet and Harp.

12.40 Jack Jackson and His Orchestra.

Some Other Time—Fox-Trot; Gypsy Violin—Fox-Trot; Valparaiso—Tumbal (Film 'Dance Band'); Love's Just A Melody—Fox-Trot; Sailing Home With The Tide—Waltz; In A Little English Inn—Fox-Trot.

1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Jeanette MacDonald (Soprano) and London Palladium Orchestra.

March Review Medley (arr. Weitschick)... The London Palladium Orchestra cond. by Richard Crane; The Merry Widow Waltz (film 'The Merry Widow')... Jeanette MacDonald (Soprano) with Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Orch. cond. by Herbert Stothart; Master Melodies... London Palladium Orchestra cond. by Richard Crane; Will You Remember? (film 'Maytime'); Farewell To Dreams (Rumberg)... Jeanette MacDonald (Soprano) and Nelson Eddy (Baritone) with Orchestra cond. by Nathaniel Shilkret.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 A Programme of Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—Runnin' Wild; Chicken Reel; Joe Daniels and His Hot Shots in 'Drumsticks'; Tango-Once Only; Slow Fox-Trot—You Passed Me By... George Boulanger and His Orchestra; Fox-Trots—Quick-silver; Cat And Mouse... Herbert Kuster and His Piano Orchestra; Waltz—Love, Live For Ever (Operetta 'Paganiini'); Quickstep—Girls Were Made To Love and Kiss (Operetta 'Paganiini')... Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orchestra; Fox-Trots—Stranger In A Cup Of Tea (from 'Crazy Days'); Love Was Born (from 'Crazy Days')... Billy Mayerl and His Orchestra with vocal refrain.

2.15 Close down.

6.0 Schumann—Sonata in D Minor for Piano and Violin, Op. 121.

Played by Hephzibah and Yehudi Menuhin.

6.21 Songs by Eva Turner (Soprano).

"Aida"—O Ciel Azzurri (Verdi); "La Gioconda"—Sulcidio (Ponchielli)... with Orchestra.

6.30 Borodin—Quartet No. 2 in D Major.

Played by the Pro Arto Quartet.

7.0 Closing local Stock Quotations.

7.02 Barnabas von Gezy and His Orchestra.

Red Lips (Kotscher); Southern Skies (Kunneke); Blue Skies (Kunneke); Siellana (Apollonio); In Merry Mood (Haringer); Fresh Breezes (Borchert).

7.20 Latest Variety.

Musical Bands—March Of The King's Men (Plater)... Grand Mass.

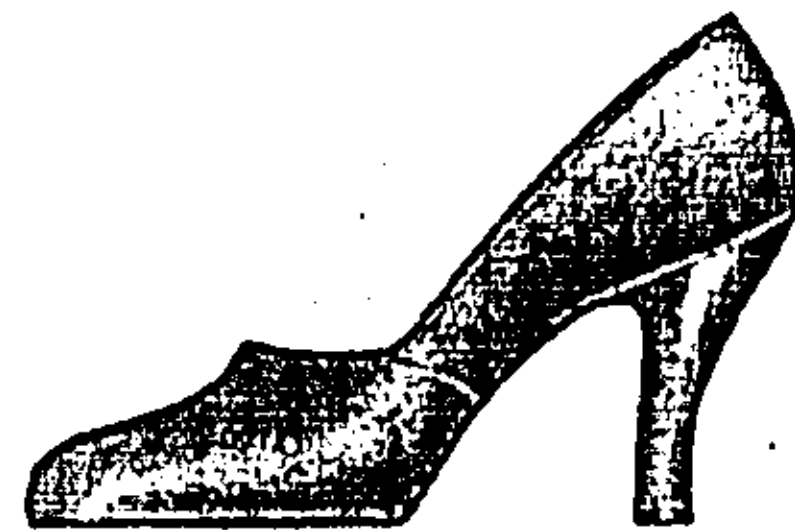
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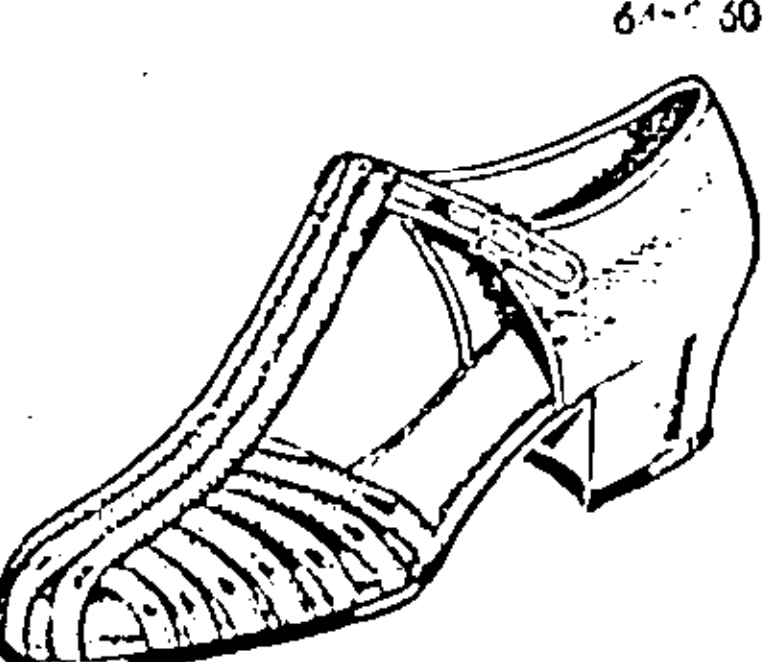
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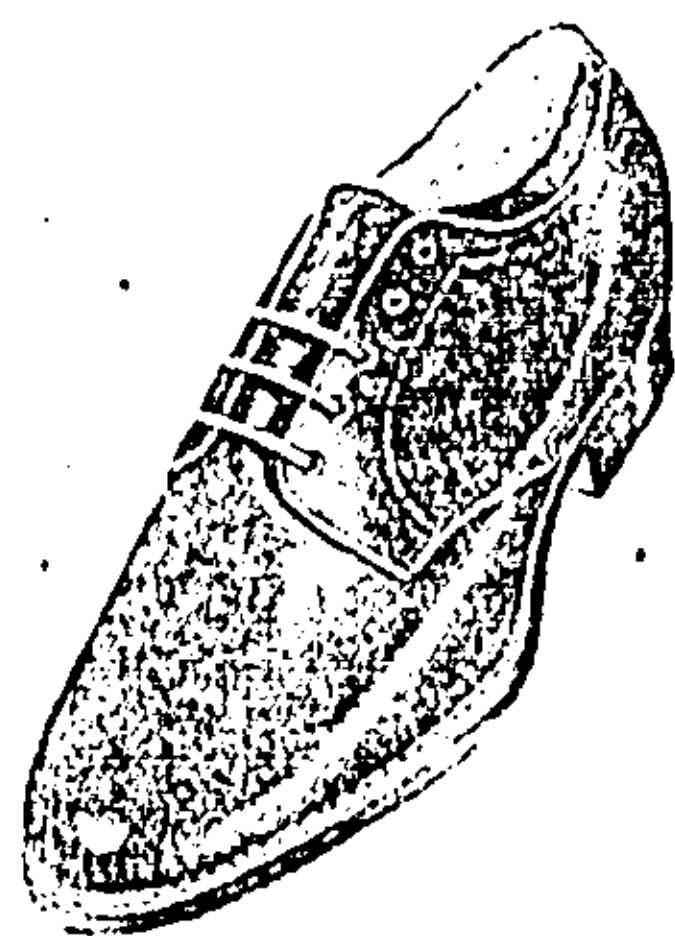
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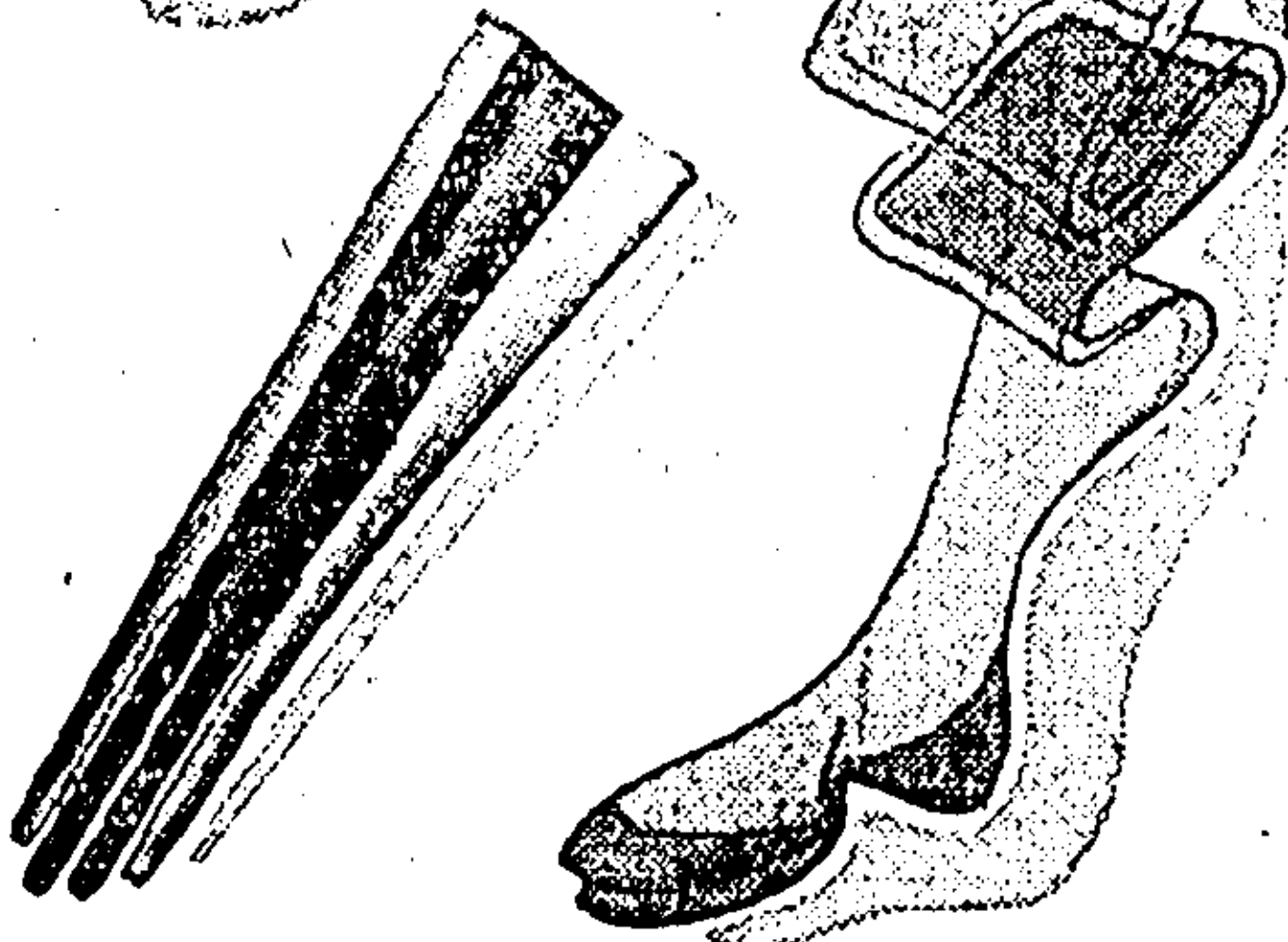


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THE foundations of the service had, of course, already been laid. Several men had previously covered the distance. The first flight was made in 1924 by Van der Hoop in a Fokker F7; he was followed in 1927 by Geysendorffer acting as pilot of a plane chartered by the American newspaper millionaire, Mr. van Lear Black.

In 1927 Koppen made yet another flight in a Fokker F7. In 1928 four flights from Amsterdam to Batavia were undertaken for the delivery of air-liners to the newly founded Royal Netherlands Indies Airways, and two more trial flights were made, the first of which, though in fact the eighth ever to be made between Amsterdam and Batavia, marked the beginning of a regular service.

THE fact that there were no festivities in connection with the anniversary is typical of the spirit of quiet efficiency and the keen sense of duty with which those who founded the service still care daily and unostentatiously for its development and improvement.

Nevertheless a short survey of what has been achieved in the past ten years will not be without interest.

To date 642 return flights have been made to the Dutch East Indies. In 1928 the duration of the journey was 10 days, the cruising speed 55 m.p.h. and the loading capacity half a ton. Now, after ten years, the maximum duration of the flight is 6½ days, the cruising speed has been raised to 175 m.p.h. and the loading capacity to over 1½ tons, whilst the frequency of the service has been increased from once a fortnight to three times a week. In fact:

The duration of the flight has been reduced by two-thirds.

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OF course the development cannot be expressed in figures only. Ten years ago a journey by aeroplane to the Indies was something in the nature of an adventure; seats were uncomfortable and the cabin cold and badly ventilated, whilst the noise of the engine was such that conversation was hardly possible and wads of cotton-wool had to be put into the ears. Now the passenger gets admirable service; his large and comfortable arm-chair may, by means of a single button, be adjusted to any position desired; the cabin is always maintained at an agreeable temperature and the steward does his utmost to anticipate the passengers' every wish.

In 1928 only two flights were made, and in 1929 eight, but in 1930 a regular fortnightly service was inaugurated. In those three years the total number of flights made was 18; since 1931 this total has increased by leaps and bounds.

SINCE 1928 14,500 passengers who between them have flown 40,000,000 miles, as well as 245 tons of freight and 575 tons of mail have been carried on the route.

Along the Amsterdam-Batavia route and on the way to the Far

East the K.L.M. has won for itself a reputation which is of the greatest significance not only for aviation but also for commerce and industry as well as for the general prestige of the Dutch nation.

The development of aviation has been so rapid that it is difficult to realise all the new possibilities that it offers. It is difficult nowadays to believe that ten years ago the journey to the Dutch East Indies which to-day takes only 6 days lasted about 4 weeks. The importance of this fact lies not only in the speedier travel facilities offered to passengers but especially in the more rapid transport of mail.

Ten years ago it was about 2 months before a reply to a letter sent to the East Indies arrived; now one can expect an answer within two weeks. Millions of letters have been carried by the K.L.M. to and from the Indies. After the arrival of mail in Batavia the K.N.I.L.M. Royal Netherlands Indies Airways undertake its immediate distribution to the very outposts of the archipelago. It is the K.N.I.L.M. who, as representatives of the K.L.M., have looked after its financial, commercial and technical interests in the East.

THE regularity with which the service between Amsterdam and Batavia is operated is shown by the fact that the 233 flights made in the first nine months of this year and scheduled to take 1,435 days required only 12 days more; this is less than 0.9% deviation from schedule.

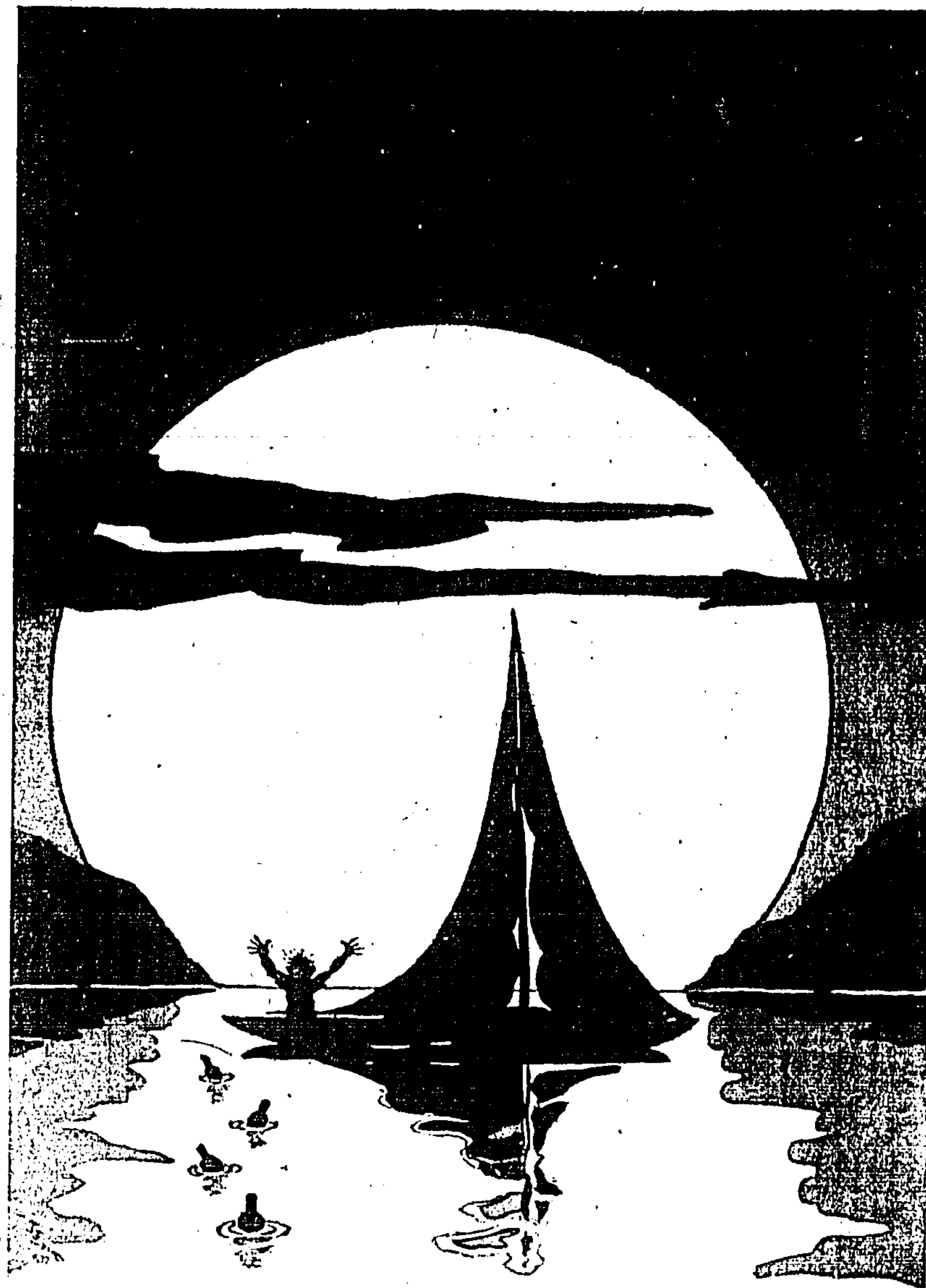
Although the frequency was increased enormously and the duration of the flights was halved a greater regularity was achieved. The fourth column giving the percentage delay (i.e. the number of days overdue in relation to the number of scheduled flying days) shows a steady decrease. Regularity is now six times greater than in 1931. Considering, however, that a day's delay on a six days' journey is relatively much worse than it is on a 12 days' journey, we may legitimately deduce that regularity is now 12 times greater than it was in 1931.

Concerning the development of air traffic between Amsterdam and Batavia during the next ten years little can be said as yet. It is certain, however, that aeroplanes are becoming safer, more economical and more rapid. The confidence of the public in this mode of transport will increase more and more and air-travel will become a permanent phenomenon in our social life.

Series Of Gelignite Thefts

London.

The police are becoming rather perturbed at the number of thefts of gelignite which have occurred recently and of the number of cases that have come to their notice of people being in unlawful possession of explosives. The latest case is of three men who were accused of being concerned together in breaking and entering the shop of West and Moulton Ltd., in Cranbrook Road, Ilford, with intent to commit a felony and of being in unlawful possession of certain explosive substances. The three men were arrested on the premises after a struggle with the police, and one of the men, having given in, said he had had enough as he had some dangerous explosives in his pocket.



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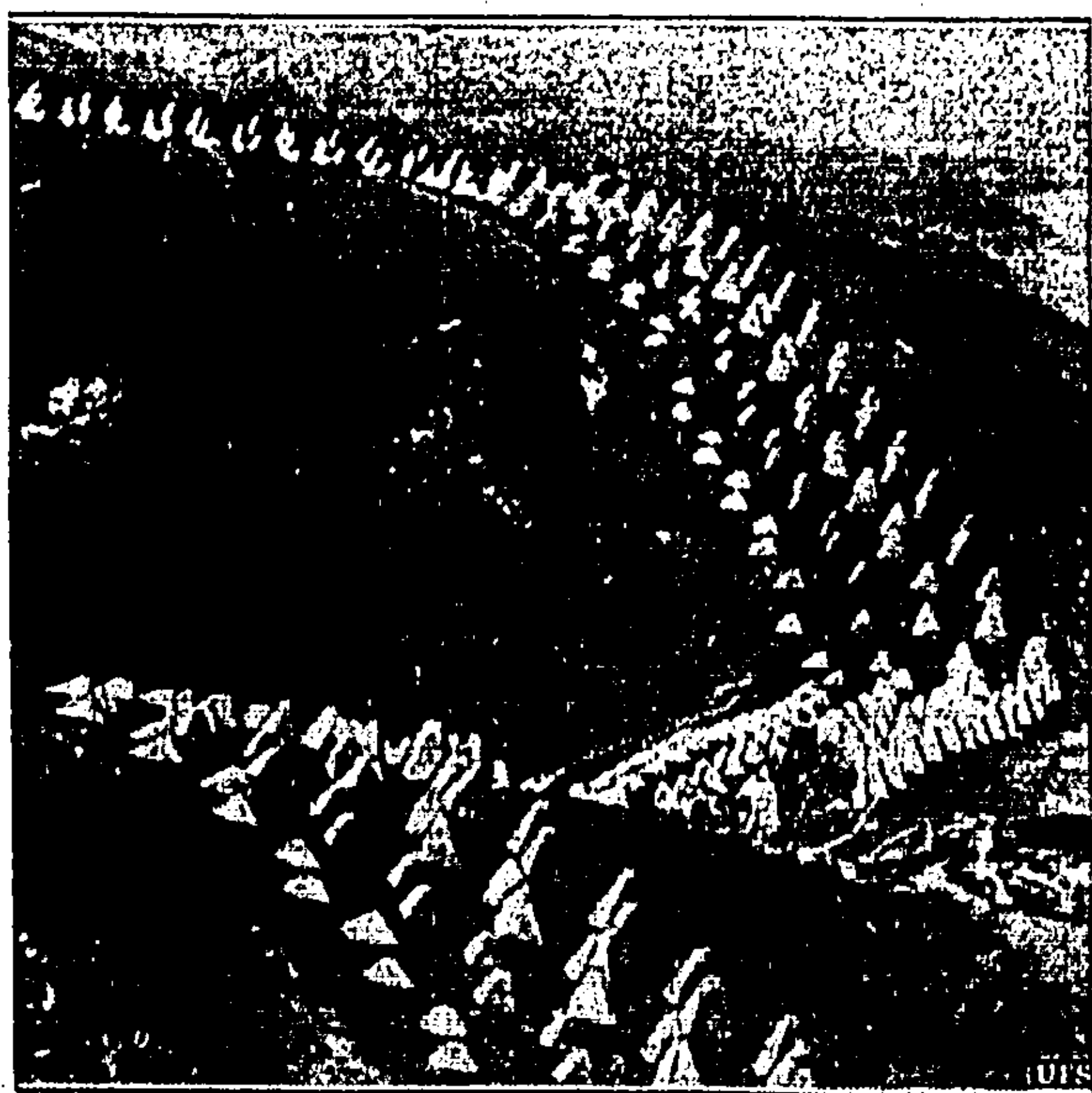
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Bank Clerks Will Demand Right To Wed

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Sacked Man Gets £1,000

Bank clerks of Scotland are to press for the immediate removal of the rule which forbids them to marry until they are earning £200 a year, it was announced recently.

A few hours earlier in the Court of Session, Edinburgh, William Edward Notman, ex-bank clerk, who married when he was earning only £180, had been awarded £1,000 damages for slander against his former employers, the Commercial Bank of Scotland.

Notman had claimed £5,000. He alleged that after his dismissal in 1935 the bank wrote to the Ministry of Labour saying that Notman's marriage against their advice was the proximate cause of his dismissal, but that he was not satisfactory and was unable to take normal responsibility.

statements that reflected on his professional capacity.

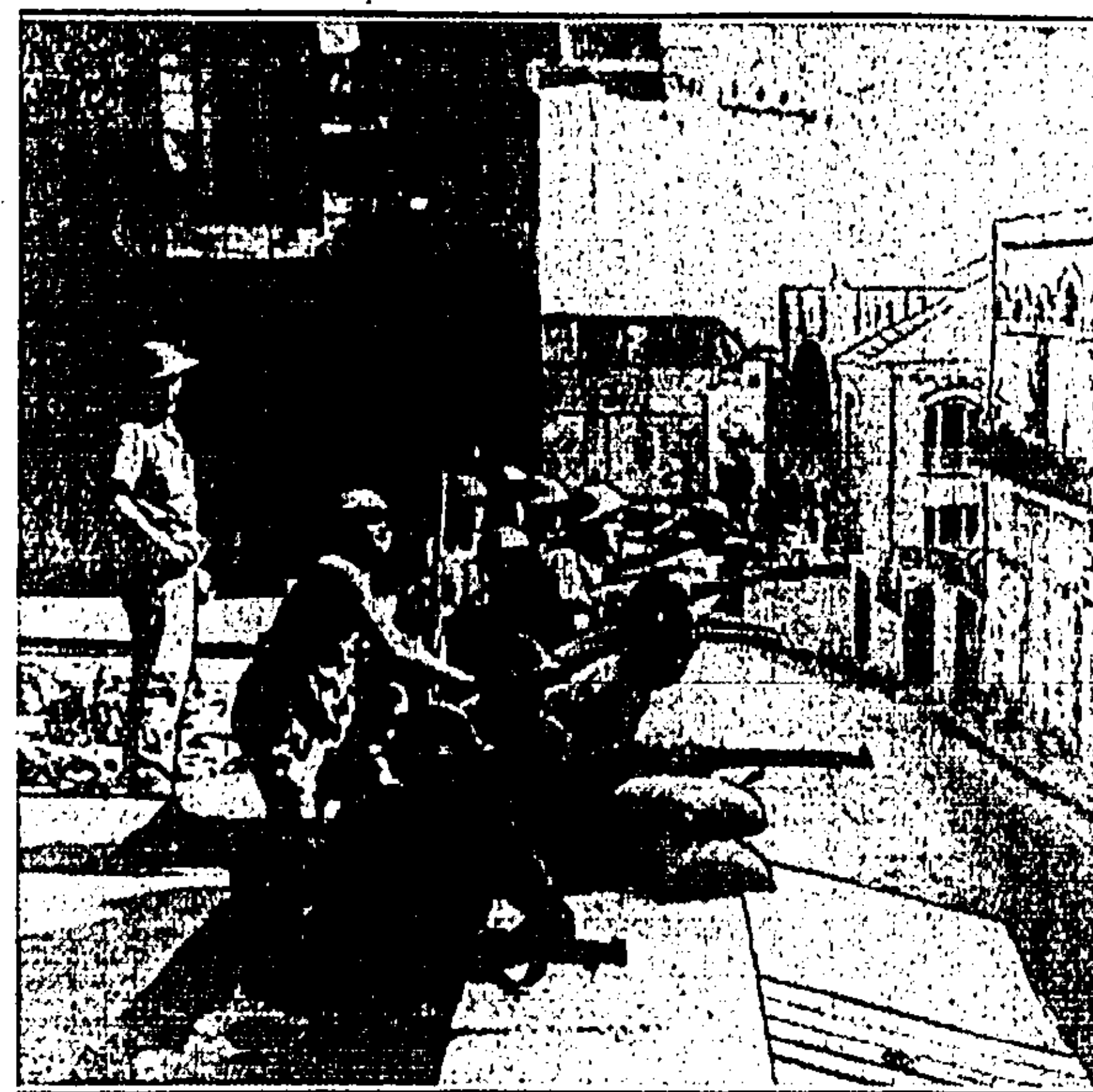
Counsel described the memorandum as "a masterpiece of skilled and cunning phraseology."

"WIFE STOOD BY"

Lord Keith, in his forty-five-minute summing-up, put this question to the jury: "The bank had a right to explain their attitude to the Minister of Labour. Was this explanation an attempt by the bank to excuse themselves after the event by attributing Notman's dismissal to a motive which was not the real motive or not the chief motive—the real motive being his decision to marry?"

The jury reached their decision by ten votes to two after a two-hour retirement.

After he had heard the verdict, Mr. Notman said: "People are too often impressed by the psychological effect created by sumptuous furnishings of our banking houses. Too often high mahogany counters hide glazed drawers and cracked shoes. 'I never regretted'—"



the bank's marriage regulation.

"My wife, deprived of the comfort of a home and in indifferent health, required my aid. When my repeated pleadings for permission to marry failed I acted upon my own initiative."

"In my time of trouble—and heaven knows I had my share in the months that followed—my wife stood by me. When I was unemployed she kept our home going."

"When my resources were almost at an end I made application to the bank in my desperation for a job as a messenger or a porter. I was told there was no likelihood of a vacancy being found for me."

"That was my darkest hour. It took me over ten years in the bank to reach a salary of £180 per annum. I got my present job in May 1937."

Jerusalem, stricken by frequent rioting and clashes between Arabs and the British governors, presents a war-like scene these days. Here are British troops above the Suleiman road, opposite the new gate of the French hospital, prepared to check marauding terrorist bands. Scores of lives have been lost in the Holy Land during fighting.

My salary to begin with was £2 a week. Already I am over the £200 mark."

"UNJUST"

The announcement of the bank clerks' decision to fight the marriage bar was contained in a statement issued later by Scottish Bankers' Association, which helped to raise money for the action. This read: "The case has acted as a complete and telling exposure of the unjust restrictions laid by the banks upon the private lives of their employees."

"If the banks desire their staff to live at a certain standard then they have an obligation to pay them a salary which is adequate for them to marry at a reasonable age."

"The banks must not be allowed to practise economy at the expense of the civil rights of their workers."

A special meeting of the association in Edinburgh will discuss a plan of action in detail.

In addition to the marriage question they will press for full trade union status and the abolition of secret reports such as the report on Notman referred to in the trial.

Students Are Representative

Lawrence, Kas. All of Kansas' 105 counties are represented in the enrolment at the University of Kansas for the first semester but there are fewer students from other states. The enrolment is 4,574, compared with 4,589 last fall.

Liquor Stores Totalled

San Francisco. Miss Lucille E. Hinshaw, Oklahoma State director of Scientific Temperance, told the national W. C. T. U. convention here that there are 437,000 legalised liquor stores in the United States and only 245,000 churches.

G.P.O. Address "Dead"

Pittsfield, Mass. When Walter S. Marden, Democratic leader here, found on his desk a directory addressed to "Republican Headquarters, 74 North Street, City," he returned it to the post-office with this inscription "Died. Left no forwarding address."

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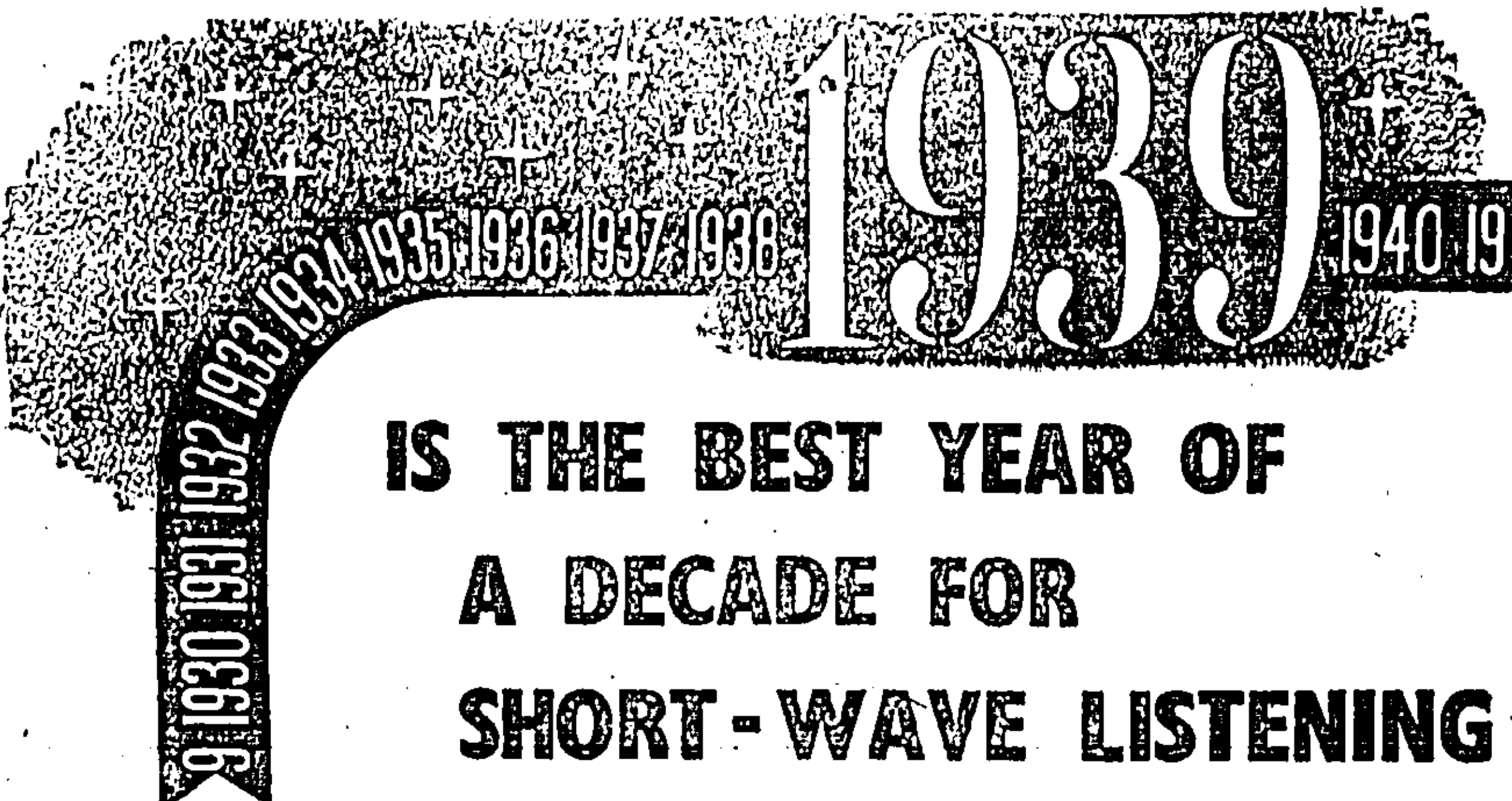
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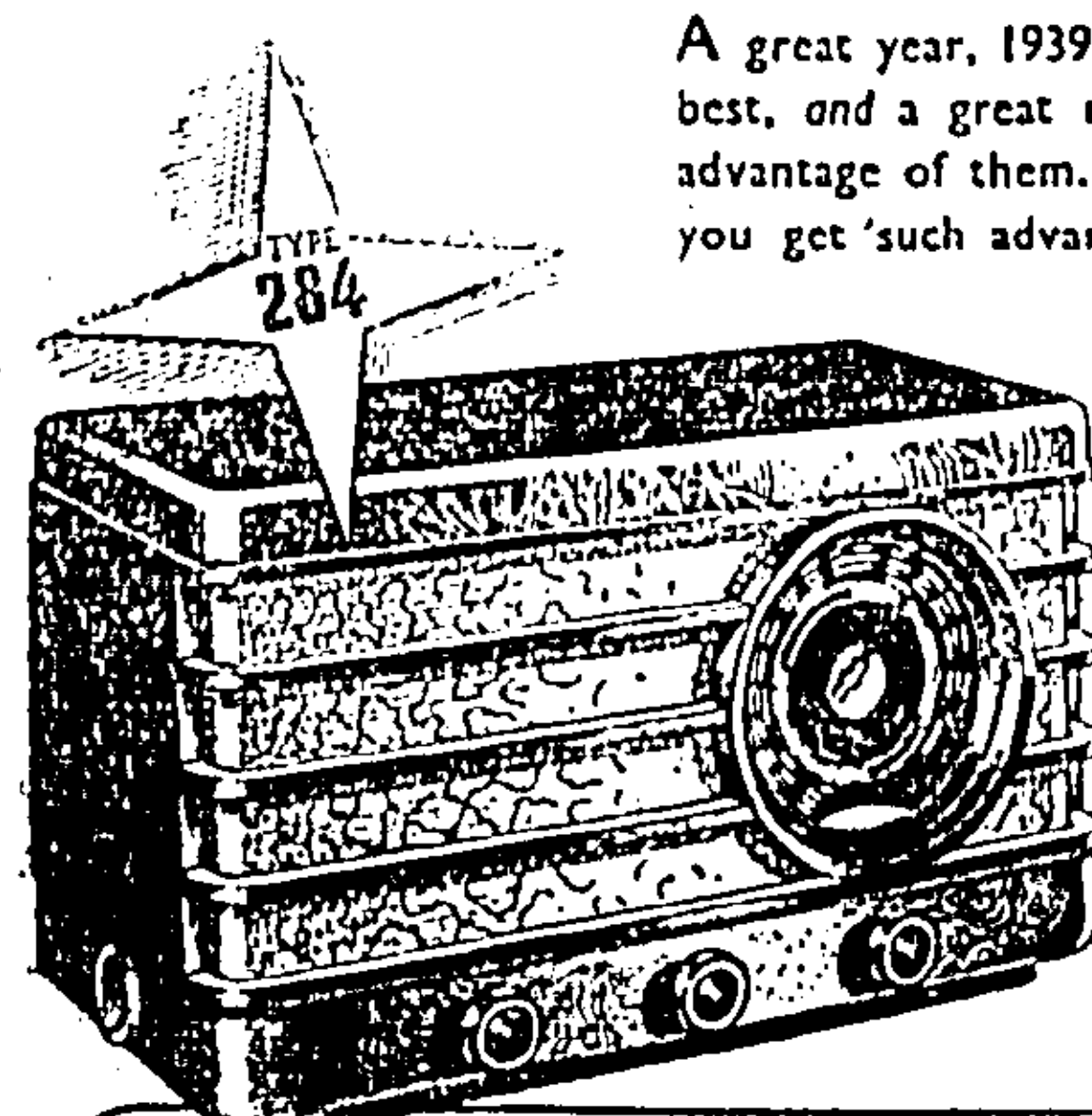
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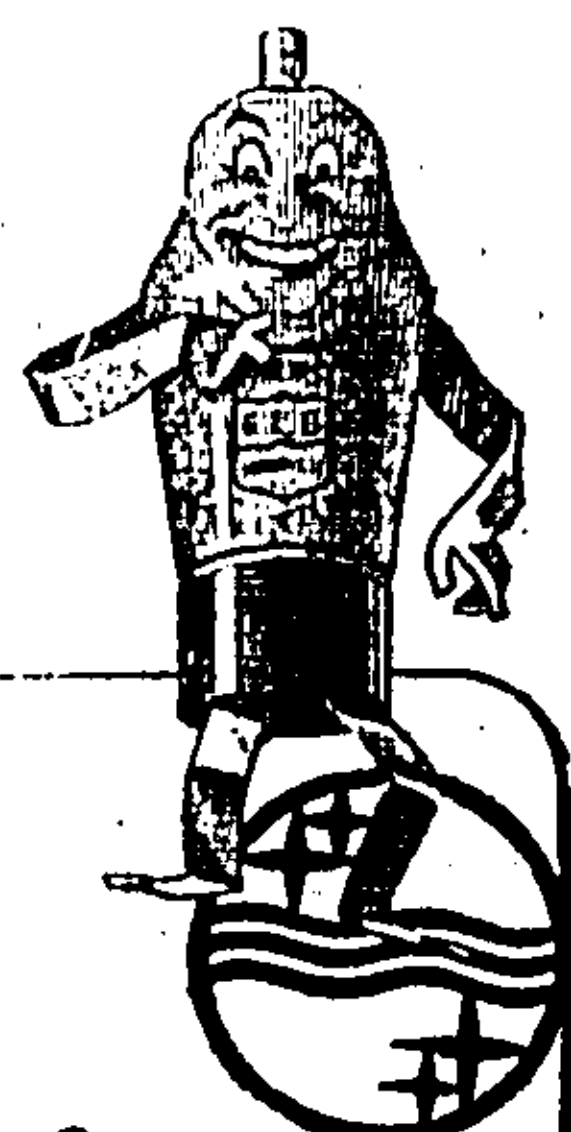


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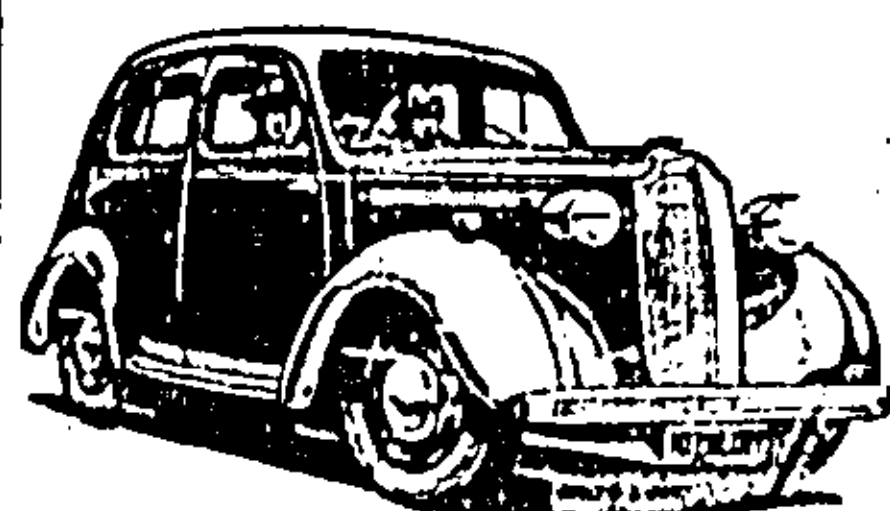
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Peace by Bargaining?

THE road of general appeasement winds toward Spain. Reciprocal gestures between London and Paris on the one hand and Rome and Germany on the other reflect the possibility of removing the Spanish monkey wrench from the four-power machinery which went into operation at Munich.

From the nature of these gestures we may see that the Berchtesgaden-Godesberg-Munich shake-up loosened more than Czechoslovakia's hold on territory and western friends. It apparently has all but released the grasp of world public opinion on that active idealism which the peoples heretofore had insisted be respected by statesmen.

While there can be two points of view about the relative practical value of so-called "idealistic" and "realistic" methods in an opportunistic world, it is well to recognise that a clear choice has now been made between these methods. It is a choice between collective security and democratic procedures in international affairs which were the best hopes that came with Allied victory in 1918, and those methods of international bargaining which preceded the World War.

As the four-power method begins to deal with Spain its relation to League of Nations principles becomes mirage-thin. It may be argued that the Czechoslovakian settlement in removing errors of Versailles was not altogether at variance with the aims of collective security as described in Article XIX of the League covenant: to make territorial adjustments without decisions of Versailles. That argument can be a long one, on both sides. But the Ethiopians were not attacked in the name of minorities. The Spanish Government did not owe its existence to Versailles.

Yet what is the price of a Spanish settlement to be, and who is to make the initial pay-

UGLY DUCKLING of the Savoy Operas, "Ruddigore," which the Hongkong Philharmonic Society will stage at the Queen's Theatre on Wednesday, has had a chequered history that makes it unique

The Bold, Bad Barts Of

RUDDIGORE

among the Gilbert and Sullivan collaborations.

Its opening run in London over 50 years ago was a comparative failure and it remained unrevived until 1921, but the local amateurs are far from conducting a courageous experiment, for in the last decade "Ruddigore" has lived down its disfavour to such an extent that last year in England, Gilbert and Sullivan enthusiasts placed it third on the popularity list, subordinate only to "Mikado" and "Yeomen of the Guard."

Both librettist and composer thought highly of his own particular contribution to "Ruddigore" and modern critics place it among the best of the joint efforts of the famous pair.

Certainly, Sullivan's music is as lifting as any and bears little sign of the haste in which he wrote it, the pain he was suffering and the fact that his relations with Gilbert were at the time more strained than at any previous period of their association.

"RUDDIGORE" was first presented on January 22, 1887, at the Savoy Theatre to a London that had gone "Mikado" mad, and while there was applause, the final curtain, for the first time in Savoy history, was greeted with a lugubrious "boo" from the cheap seats.

Sympathetic critics said the cries had been directed to Lord Randolph Churchill, who happened to be quitting his seat in the stalls at the moment.

But "Ruddigore's" most serious handicap was its name. Originally spelled "Ruddygore" and it offended the crinolines, bustles and dundreary whiskers of Victorian English drawing rooms, and the Graphic complained of its "not very happily selected title."

"The sterner and less mealy mouthed sex," it philosophised, "safe in the club smoking-room, might pass such a name with a smile. But it is different in the case of ladies, to whom Savoy Operas largely appeal, and on whose lips such a title would scarcely sound pretty."

Roiled by such Sunday-school comment, Gilbert, in a characteristic utterance, threatened to re-name the show "Kensington Gore," or "Not so Good as the Mikado."

ments? The price reportedly is to be recognition by France and Britain of Italy's Ethiopian conquest, and the closing of the French border to supplies for the Loyalist armies in Spain. When the French Ambassador to Rome begins talks on the latter question, which will include further withdrawal of Italian troops from Spain, France will have sanctioned a conquest which by pre-Munich law was illegal.

Thus as we move along the road to a possible general appeasement it is well to remember what the signposts said at the last fork. Europe's peace to-day is in the balance of bargaining.

TO ENLIVEN matters, the ancient Frenchman who for years had served as correspondent of the Paris Figaro (he bore the incongruous name of Johnson) took offence at one of the songs.

Sings Richard Dauntless, a man o' war's man, telling a la Diben of a brush with a French privateer:—

Then our Captain he up and he says, says he,
"That chap we need not fear—
We can take her, if he like,
She is sartin for to strike,
For she's only a darned Mounseer.
Dye see?
She's only a darned Mounseer!
But to fight a French fal-lal—
It's a lubberly thing for to do,
For we, with all our faults,
Why we're sturdy British salts,
While she's only a Parley-voe,
Dye see?
While she's only a Parley-voe."

Gilbert had aimed his shaft across to the Surrey side of the Thames, to the "transpontine" drama of the day; blood-curdling melodrama in which villains of the blackest hue waved mortgaged in front of absurdly ingenuous heroines and were rescued at the eleventh hour by dauntless fair-haired heroes, while audiences, wept, cheered and hissed in turns. But Gilbert forgot that his satire was not the satire of everyone, and while London appreciated the lift of his lyrics and the humour of his dialogue, his burlesques of a vacillating heroine, faithful servants and villains accused to commit a daily crime or die, clever burlesques as they may have been, did not appeal to Victorian London.

After the initial disappointment, Gilbert and Sullivan re-

stricken with a serious illness and Lytton, then a stripling in his teens, was pitch-forked into the part of the proverbial moment's notice.

It was an ordeal to substitute for the great Grossmith, yet Lytton played the part for six weeks and went on to become

probably the most famous of all Savoyards.

"Ruddigore's" original cast was:

Robin Oakapple . . . George Grossmith
Richard Dauntless . . . Durward Lely
Despard Murgatroyd . . . Rutland Barrington
Old Adam Goodheart . . . Rudolph Lewis
Rose Maybud . . . Leonora Braham
Mad Margaret . . . Jessie Bond
Dame Hannah . . . Rosina Brandram
Roderick Murgatroyd . . . Richard Temple

FOR 34 YEARS "Ruddigore" lay forgotten in the D'Oyly Carte vaults until it was brought out as an experiment on October 24, 1921 in the wave of post-war Gilbert and Sullivan popularity.

It was played by the following cast:

Robin Oakapple . . . Henry A. Lytton
Richard Dauntless . . . Derek Oldham
Despard Murgatroyd . . . Leo Sheffield
Old Adam Goodheart . . . Robert McQueen
Rose Maybud . . . Elsie Griffin
Mad Margaret . . . Catherine Ferguson
Dame Hannah . . . Bertha Lewis
Roderick Murgatroyd . . . Darrel Fancourt

Modern Gilbert and Sullivan enthusiasts, who cared little for ghosts, possibly used stronger words than "Ruddigore" and appreciated Gilbert's satire, despite many of its lines which had lost their topicality, gave the revived opera a better reception than their grandfathers, finding in it a selection of melodies that, like most of Sullivan's, were easy to remember and improved on acquaintance.

It is now never omitted from a Gilbert and Sullivan repertoire in England and abroad and makes more favourites with every performance.

Hongkong will have its first view of "Ruddigore" on Wednesday at the Queen's Theatre, with performances on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The following is the cast:

Robin Oakapple . . . Arthur Nobbina
Richard Dauntless . . . Jack Grenham
Despard Murgatroyd . . . Cyril Brown
Old Adam Goodheart . . . J. Piercey
Rose Maybud . . . Kathleen Winch
Mad Margaret . . . Jean Grief
Dame Hannah . . . Ruby Matheson
Ruth . . . Anne Doublglin
Zorah . . . Noreen Jordan
Roderick Murgatroyd . . . Maurice Barton

Cyril Brown is producer with H. B. Jordan as musical conductor.

HUSBAND AND FATHER AT 16

A husband and father, aged 16, stood in the dock at West Ham juvenile court recently charged with stealing a bicycle.

In the court waiting-room sat his 19-year-old wife, the note she was writing mistyped by her tears.

The boy-father told the magistrates that he took the bicycle so that he could go farther afield in search of work. He had been maintaining his wife and baby, he said, on 15s. a week.

A note was handed to the chairman, Alderman A. G. Gay.

He said to the boy-father: "Your wife pleads for another chance for you. She says you are a good husband and father, that she believes you love her and the baby, and that you took the cycle so that you could secure work to help her."

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Recent Local Events Illustrated



NEWLY-WED COUPLE. Mr. Arthur Hill, manager of the Radio and Valve Department of the General Electric Co. (China) Ltd., with his bride, the former Miss Barbara Greville-Smith. They were recently married at the Registrar's Office.—*King's Studio.*



CHAT BETWEEN EVENTS. Dr. G. W. Pope at left appears to be keenly interested in what Mr. W. Kay is telling him during an interval at the races.—*Pictorial News.*



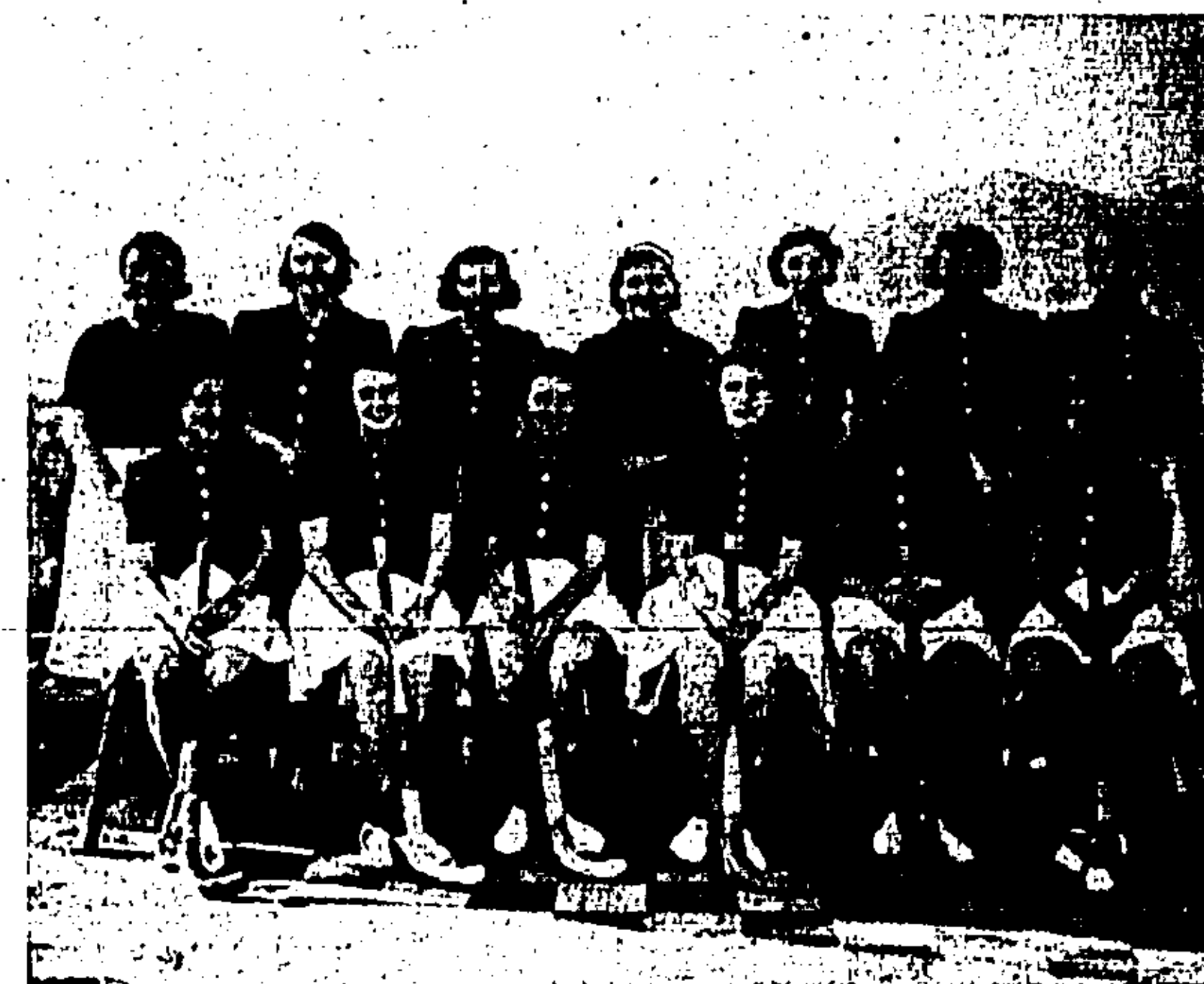
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PASSING THE TIME. Mrs. W. T. Stanton and Major Money in conversation outside the weighing room at the race course last Saturday.—*Pictorial News.*

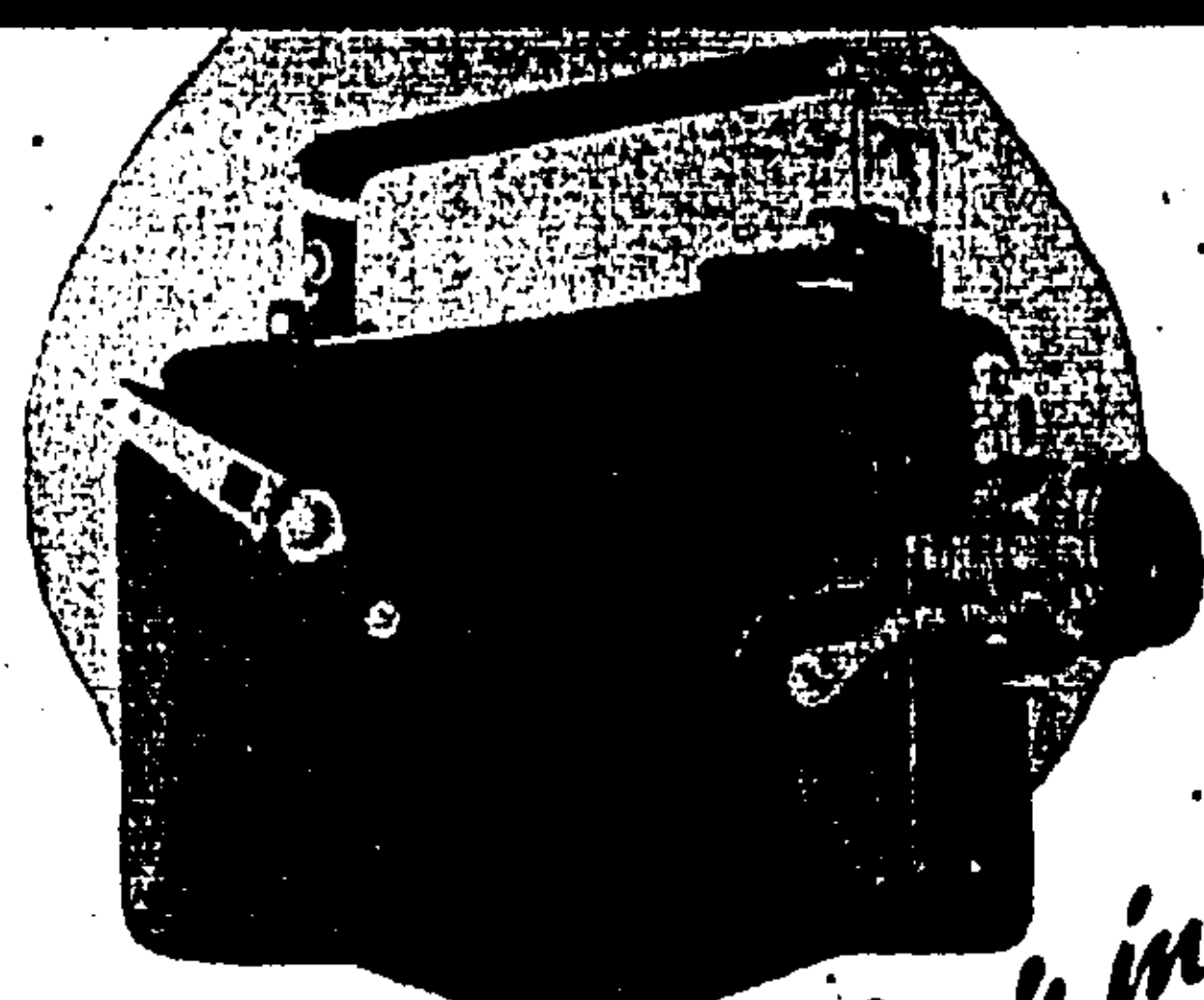


"CLOSING DAY." The President, Mr. E. V. Searle, and members of the General Committee of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club photographed at its recent "Closing Day."—*Mee Cheung.*



HOCKEY PLAYERS. Members of the Middlesex Ladies' Hockey Club photographed recently.—*A. Hing.*

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CONSECRATION CEREMONY. Photograph taken after the recent consecration as Assistant Bishop in Fukien of the Rev. C. B. R. Sargent. Seated from left to right: Bishop Hing (Fochow), Bishop Hall (Hongkong), Archbishop Norris (Peiping), Bishop Sargent. Standing—Bishop Roberts (Shanghai), Bishop Scott (Shantung), Dean Wilson (Hongkong), Bishop Huntington (Anking), Bishop Mok (Canton).—*Mee Cheung.*

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Hongkong Philharmonic Society Production



Members of the Hongkong Philharmonic Society are putting in intensive work into their rehearsals for the forthcoming production of Gilbert and Sullivan's comic opera "Ruddigore". The performances will be staged at the Queen's Theatre on December 14, 15, 16 and 17.

"Ruddigore" has never before been presented in Hongkong, but it is hoped by the Philharmonic that this opera, which was voted the third most popular of the operas presented in a recent Gilbert and Sullivan season at Home, will meet with approval in Hongkong.

Above are photographs of four of the ancestors who play an important part in the production. At left is H. B. Jordan, A.R.C.M., who is the Honorary Musical Director and (extreme left) H. H. H. Priestley, President of the Hongkong Philharmonic Society.

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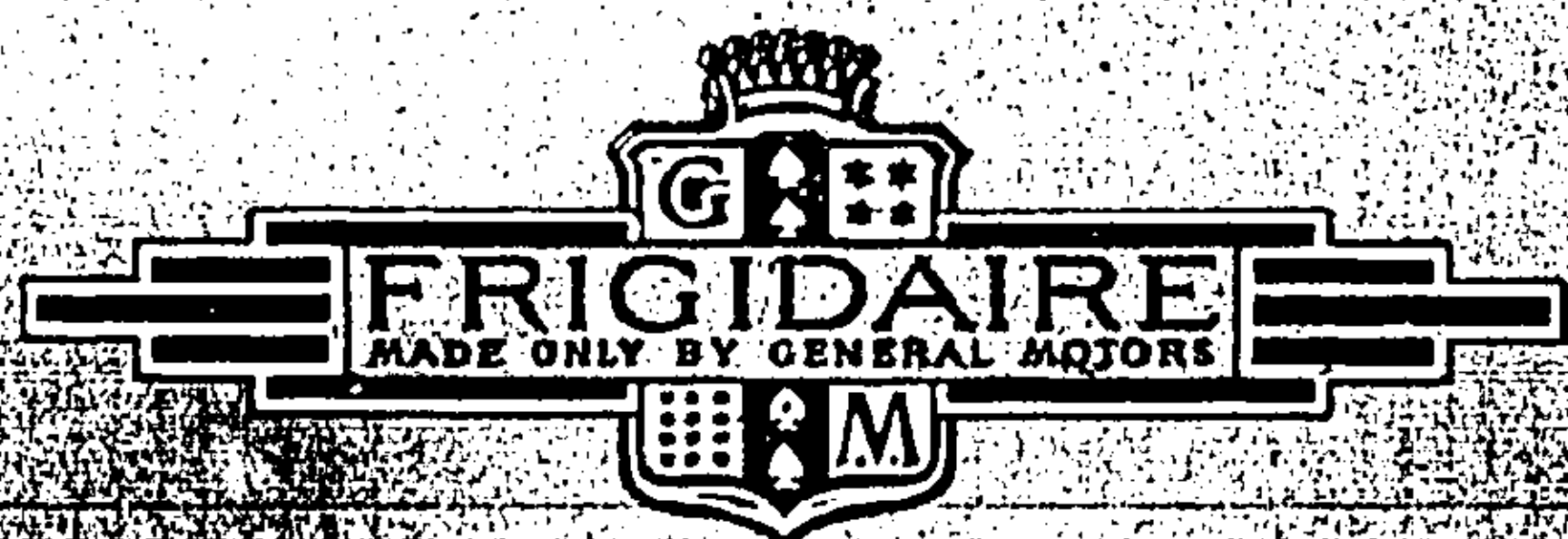


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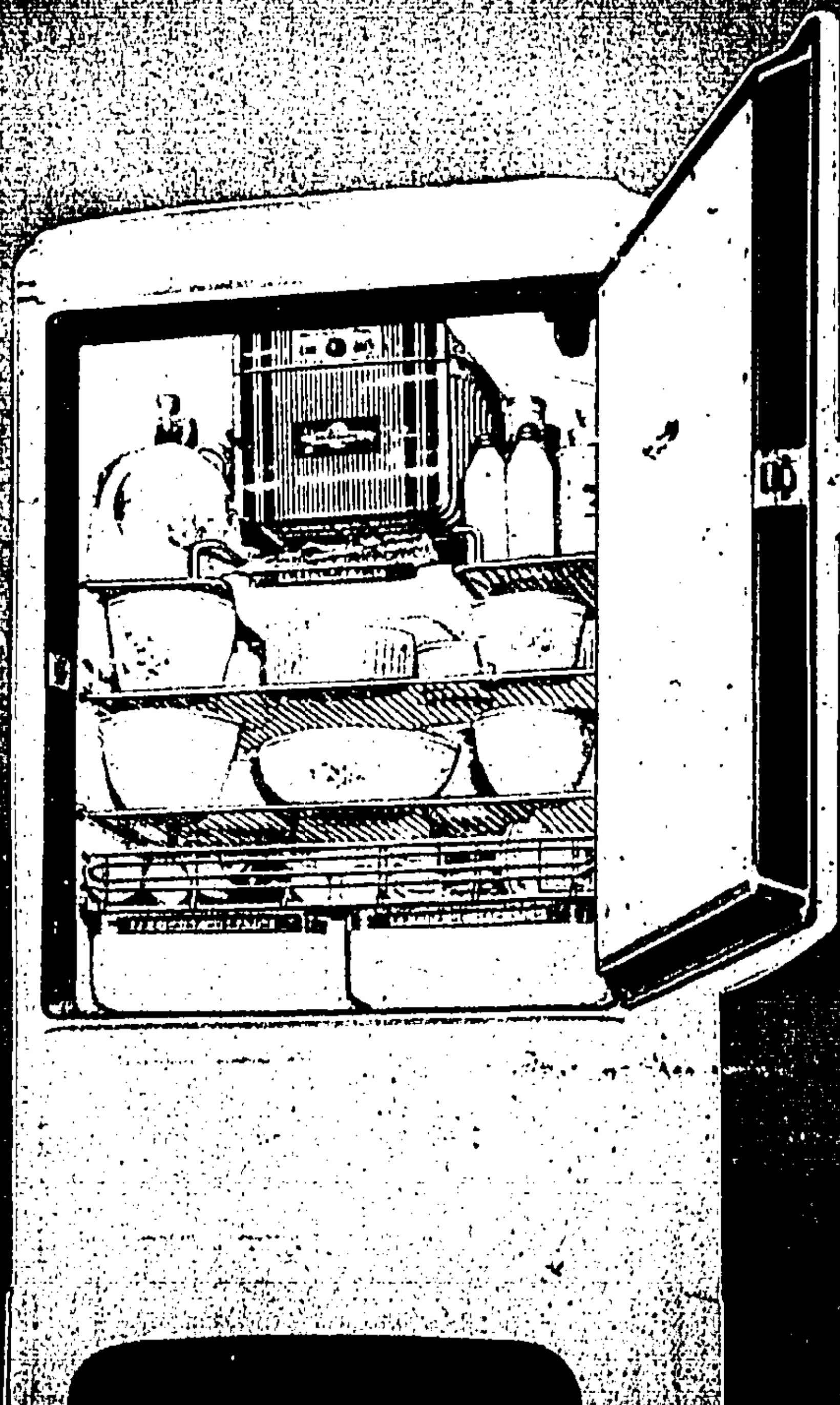
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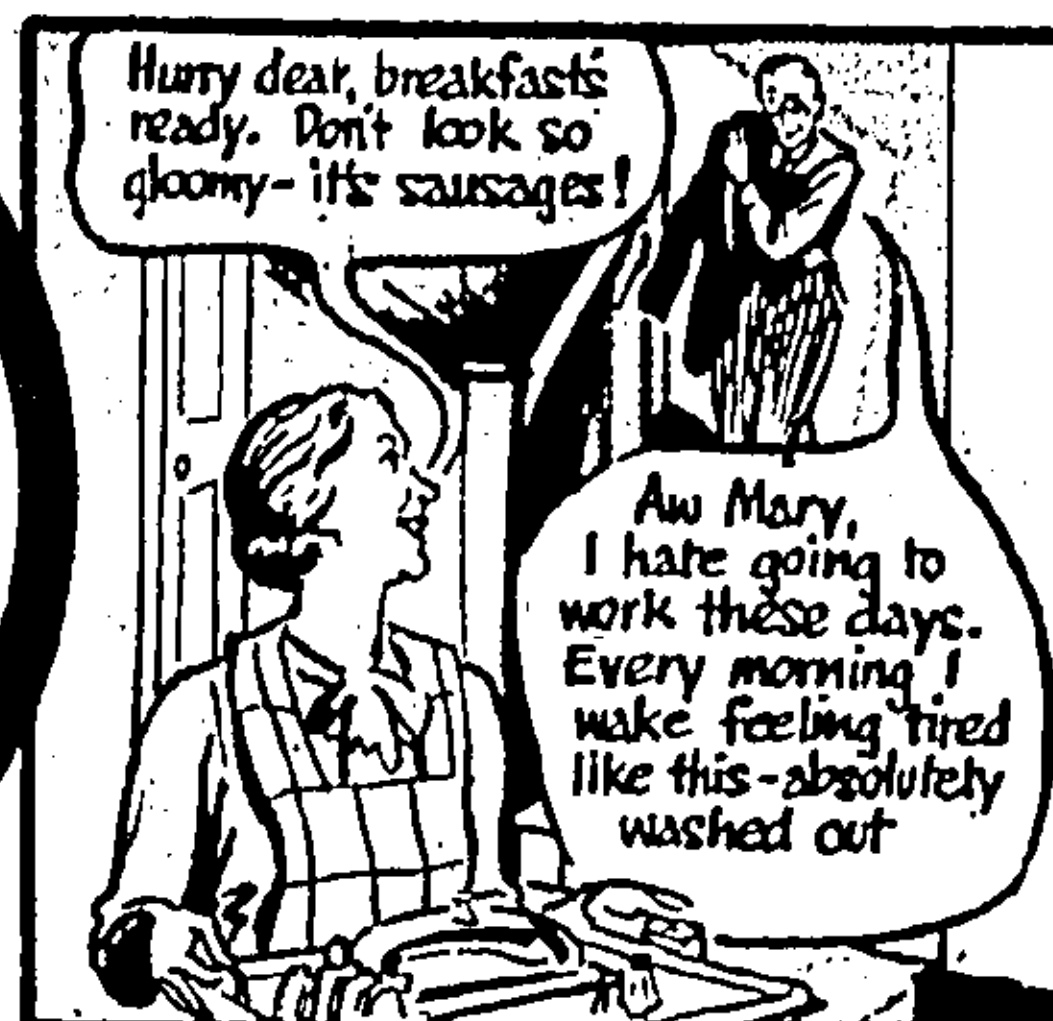
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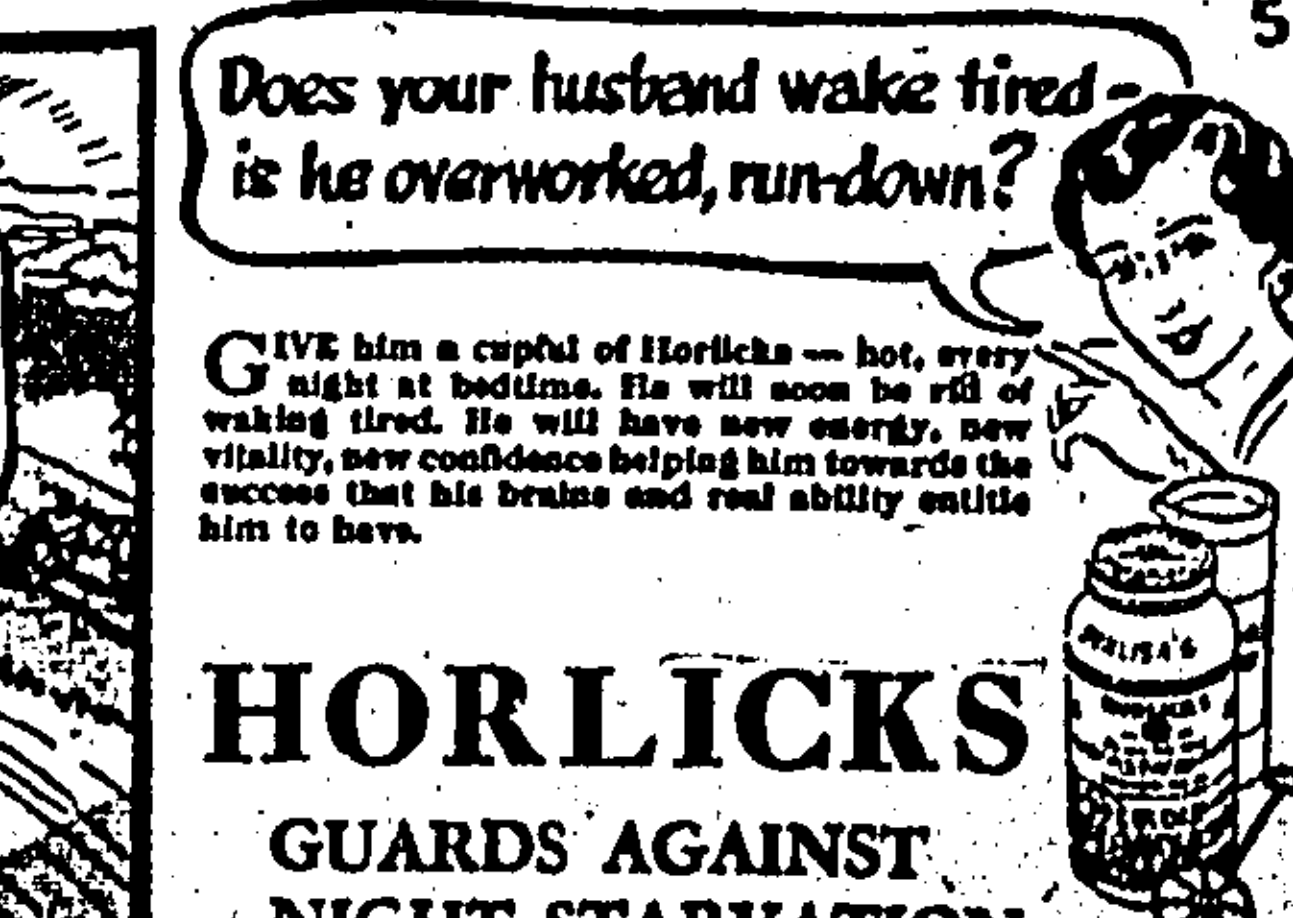
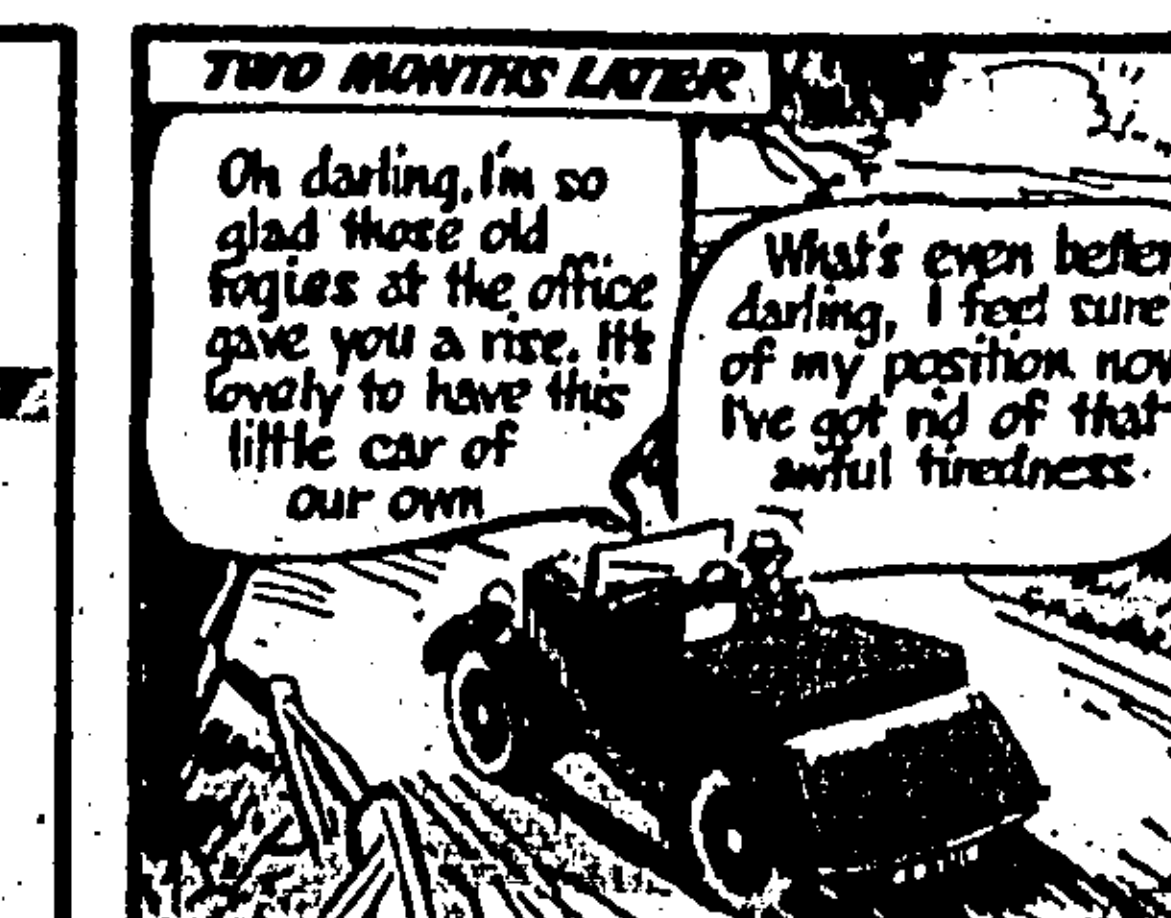
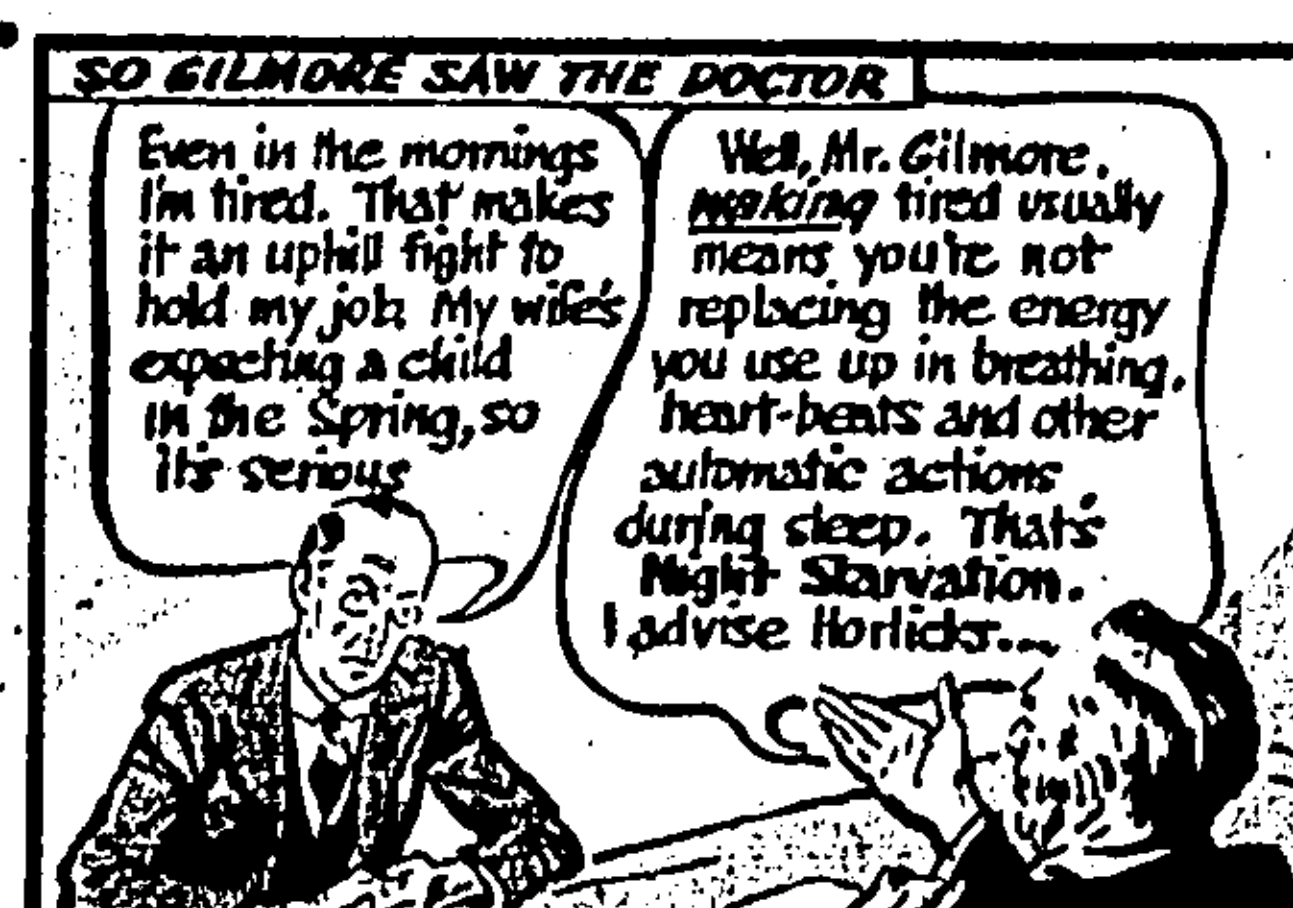
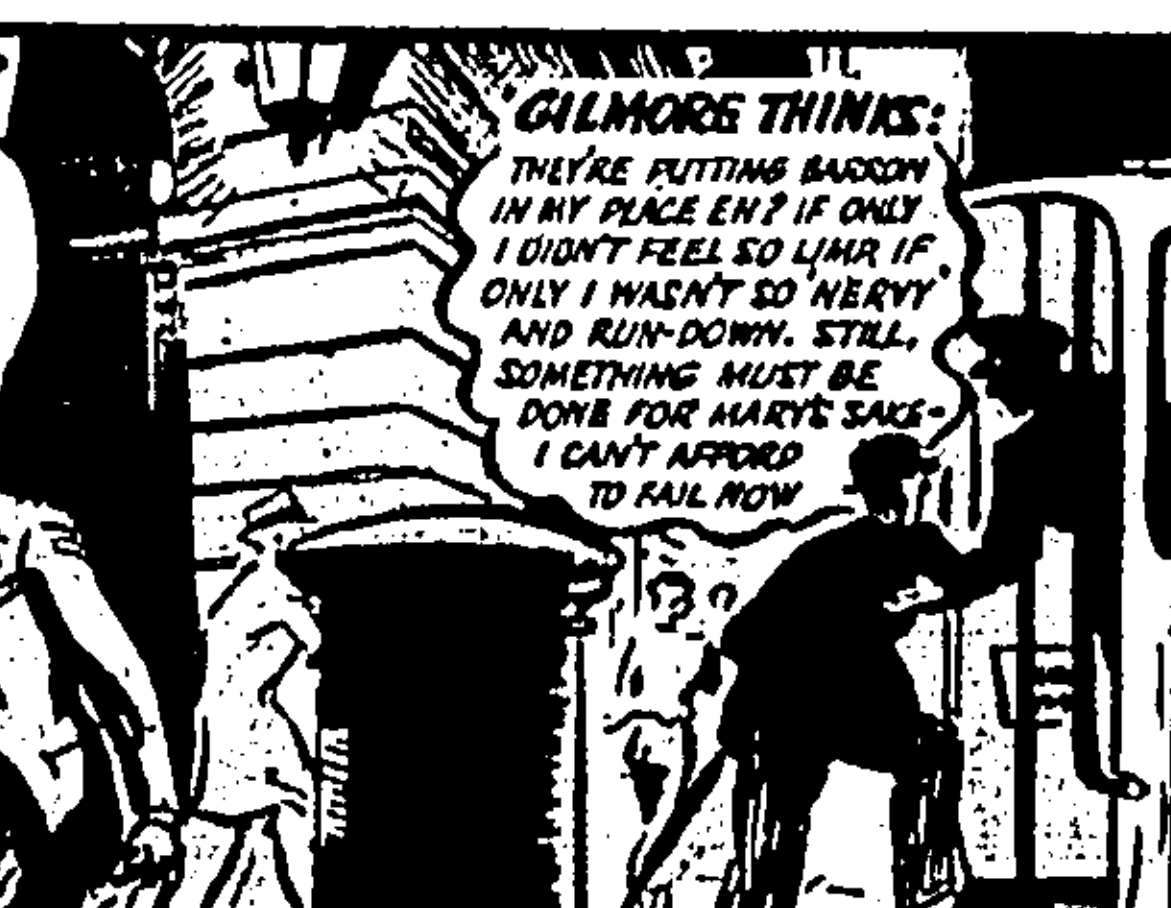
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Two Pages of "Ruddigore" Pictures



More local personalities who will appear in "Ruddigore", the Hongkong Philharmonic Society's production. Top row from left to right: Arthur E. Nobblins (Sir Ruthven Murgatroyd), Jack Grenham (Richard Dauntless), Cyril Brown (Hon. Producer), Jean Greig (Mad Margaret), Kathleen Winch (Rose Maybud).

Lower row from left to right: Jean Greig (Mad Margaret), Ruby Mathieson (Dame Hannah), one of the ancestors, Maurice Barton (Sir Roderick, leading ancestor).

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WEDDING GROUP. This photograph was taken after the recent marriage at the Registrar's Office of Mr. J. Hurst, of the R.N.A. Depot at Stonecutters, and Miss Elizabeth M. Wells, daughter of the Rev. H. R. Wells, O.B.E.—*King's Studio.*



PIPERS ON PARADE. The Pipe Band of The Royal Scots, under leadership of Drum Major Degan, enlivened the intervals between events at last Saturday's races by parading on the track.—*Pictorial News.*



SCHOOL PREFECTS. The above photograph of the prefects of King's College (1938-39) was recently taken at the school.—*Ming Yuen.*



TENNIS COMPETITION. Members and their wives of the R.A.P.C. Sports' Club on the occasion of the annual office tennis competition at Sookunpoo. Col. T. L. Rogers, O.B.E., Command Paymaster, China Command, is seen on the extreme right.—*Ming Yuen.*



FRIENDLY GATHERING. The above photograph was recently taken at the Church Guest House. Two delegates to the Madras Conference are included in the group.—*Ming Yuen.*



"CLOSING DAY" MATCH. A study in expressions was caught by the photographer at the recent bowls match at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club.—*Mee Cheung.*



BOWLING MATCH. Rinks competing in the President v. Vice-President bowling match at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club on "Closing Day."—*Mee Cheung.*

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TENNIS CHAMPIONS. The R.A.P.C. tennis team, winners of the Inter-Unit Shield. Back Row: Messrs. Pittham, O'Connor, Adlam, McClafferty and Watson. Front Row: Mr. Bradshaw, Col. T. L. Rogers, Major F. T. Baines and Mr. Taylor.—*Ming Yuen.*



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Aspirations Of Japan On Mainland

Arita Tells The British Envoy

Tokyo, Dec. 9. "The creation of a new order in East Asia is the national aspiration of Japan."

This statement formed the gist of yesterday's interview between Mr. Arita, the Japanese Foreign Minister, Sir Robert Craigie, the British Ambassador, and Mr. Joseph Grew, the American Ambassador, according to the Foreign Office spokesman when replying to a question put to him by a foreign correspondent to-day.

The spokesman added that Sir Robert Craigie and Mr. Grew had been invited to the Foreign Office separately in order to give them some information concerning the present situation in the Far East.

The spokesman declared that the Foreign Minister explained to the two Ambassadors that the creation of a new order in East Asia had become a "national aspiration" of Japan, for securing her national defence and also for safeguarding her national existence.

There was little discussion, the spokesman revealed, but he added that Sir Robert Craigie and Mr. Grew may have a chance for discussion with Mr. Arita later.

At the same time the Asahi Shimbun reported to-day that Mr. Arita, during yesterday's interview, with the Asahi Shimbun, gave them an explanation of Japan's fundamental policy vis-a-vis the new situation in East Asia which already had been referred to in conversation with the British, French and American Ambassadors regarding the question of free navigation on the Yangtze River as well as in Japan's reply to America regarding the question of the "Open Door" and equal opportunity policy in China.

The explanation given by Mr. Arita yesterday, the paper declared, together with the Japanese reply to America on November 10, marks the turning point in Japan's foreign policy.

Holding that proper understanding of the new situation in East Asia formed a sine qua non for readjustment of relations with third Powers vis-a-vis new China, the Asahi Shimbun said that it was understood that Mr. Arita declared that the building-up of a new order in East Asia had been a long-cherished desire by Japan, Manchukuo and China, who badly wanted lasting peace in East Asia.

Furthermore, the paper continued, it was natural for Japan to build up a new order in East Asia based on close co-operation between Japan, Manchukuo and China in the political, cultural, economic and military fields, so as to ward off the red menace and to safeguard national existence.

Meanwhile, the paper stated, the new situation in East Asia, together with the birth of a new regime in China, and the Chinese legitimate national aspiration for the restoration of China's full sovereignty virtually liquidated the old collective system in the Far East, including the Nine Power Pact.

Therefore, the paper asserted, the "Open Door" and equal opportunity principle of the Nine Power Pact should not be applied as it is to the new situation in the Far East, but instead, be modified in its application.

The so-called economic bloc of East Asia, the paper concluded, which will follow economic co-operation between Japan, Manchukuo and China, and the building-up of a new order in East Asia, was not designed to close the economic door against foreign Powers, but, on the contrary, the Japanese Government expected the bloc to promote relations between it and other foreign economic blocs or foreign countries.—Reuter.

16 Holidays In Hongkong Next Year

There will be one public holiday and 15 general holidays in Hongkong next year, according to an announcement in the Gazette to-day.

Empire Day on May 24 has been set aside as the sole public holiday, and the general holidays include Chinese New Year Day on February 20 together with February 21, Good Friday on April 7, followed by the Saturday and Monday, Easter Monday on May 29, Christmas Day and Boxing Day, which will fall on the Monday and Tuesday.

Other occasions set aside as general holidays are Monday, January 2, Thursday, June 8, which is the birthday of the King, Saturday, July 1, Monday, August 7, Monday, September 4, the Double Tenth (October 10) and Armistice Day, November 11.

Incidentally the magistrates will be able to sit in court on the following of the above-mentioned dates: February 2, February 20, April 8 and 10, May 29, July 1, August 7, September 4, November 11 and December 20.

APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments are notified in the Government Gazette issued to-day: Commander T. C. SUI, R.D., R.N.R. (Retired), F.R.S.A., A.I.N.A., to act as Deputy Harbour Master with effect from November 1. Cmr. SUI, also to be a Justice of the Peace of Hongkong. Mr. C. E. Davis has been appointed to act as Controller of Stores during the absence of Mr. W. J. Anderson as from December 9.

THREE MEN COMMITTED IN ARMS CASE

Corrigan Still Refused Bail

LONDON, Dec. 9.

FREDERICK WILLING, his son James Oll Herbert Willing, and Dennis Michael Corrigan, who have been figuring as defendants in the dramatic and sensational China arms cargo trial, in which they are charged with conspiring with Chou Tin-shu and others unknown to cheat and defraud M. Theodore Lafitte of £7,250, obtaining the money by false pretences, and attempting to obtain a further £4,000, were all committed for trial to-day.

Had in the case of the Willings was renewed, but a further application for bail for Corrigan, was refused.

Mr. G. C. L. du Cann, representing the Willings, submitted that Frederick Willing was a Dutch subject, was accused of defrauding a French citizen in the Chinese Embassy, which was an extrajurisdictional matter, and not one which came within the jurisdiction of the English court.

The magistrate, however, ruled that a prima facie case had been made against all the defendants.

At the close of the hearing, Mr. du Cann said: "We are put in a dreadful position owing to the fact that the Chinese Embassy pleads diplomatic privilege and will not give evidence. I plead that no stone be left unturned to bring somebody here from the Embassy to explain the status and whereabouts of Shu (he was described at a previous hearing as the mystery man in the case) and his connection with the Chinese Embassy."

"Clearly he had the run of the Embassy and was in a position to use its official stamp and notepaper. Justice can't be done in this case if the Chinese Embassy is going to shelter behind diplomatic privileges in this way."

The prosecuting counsel pointed out that a representative of the Chinese Embassy was in court.—Reuter.

Export Credits Welcomed In China

LONDON, Dec. 9. The export guarantees bill is welcomed in China and Far Eastern circles as opening the door for assistance in various schemes of development in West and South West China which the export credits guarantee department hitherto has been unable to finance owing to the strictness of its limitations in respect to what is regarded as a "commercial proposition."

Hitherto this has prevented the granting of credits for railway material which the Chinese are anxious to obtain for the scheme.

It is believed that these credits are now likely to be arranged without difficulty. As regards motor lorries, Reuter understands that nothing has yet been decided, but proposals have been made by the Chinese which the new bill should enable to be granted. It is noteworthy that the bill retains prohibition of guarantee in connection with war or other goods constructed or intended for destructive use in war, but some of the previous anomalies in this respect, however, have been removed.

One important clause in the new bill permits credits for the export of British goods through sales made by firms not incorporated in Great Britain.

The former lack of this facility caused difficulty in guaranteeing business conducted, for example, by firms operating in China and incorporated under the Hongkong Ordinances.—Reuter.

G.O.C. SAYS FAREWELL

Retiring from the Army simultaneously with the close of his term as General Officer Commanding the British Troops in China, H.E. Major General A. W. Bartholomew said good-bye to a large number of officials and friends at Queen's Pier this morning before boarding the P. and O. liner Canton for England.

The General and Mrs. Bartholomew have been staying for the past few days at Government House.

A Guard of Honour of the Kumbon Rifles awaited the G.O.C.'s arrival at Queen's Pier at 10.30 a.m., and, after inspecting the Guard, His Excellency and his wife shook hands with the large party which had come to see them off.

DUNGEONS UNDER SOVIET EMBASSY

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know nothing about the kidnapping. Colonel Theodorescu declared: "Undoubtedly Madame wore the trousers in the Skoblin house. She was certainly aware of everything General Skoblin was doing." However, he admitted that he did not know Madame Skoblin personally. Most of the witnesses either from personal knowledge, or from hearsay stated that Madame Skoblin ruled the household.—Reuter.



Softball is the latest sporting craze among the women in Hongkong. The Ladies' Softball League opened last Sunday and tomorrow, enthusiasm. Here Miss Paddy Gaudin is seen at bat. Confidence is strongly displayed in her stance.—Photo by Jaffer.

BRITISH STARS NOT TO BE PAID EXPENSES

Decision Made At L.T.A. Meeting

LONDON, Dec. 9.

The annual meeting of the Lawn Tennis Association, with Sir Samuel Hoare presiding, defeated a motion that a rule be adopted sanctioning the payment of expenses to competitors in open tournaments over a period limited to eight weeks.

Mr. F. T. Stowe, captain of many British teams, proposed the motion and pointed out that the principle was recognised in nearly every other country, whereas British players were barred from accepting any expenses.

Sir Samuel Hoare said the entries for tournaments this year were better than for many years and would run to seven figures. There was no reason to suppose, he said, that the game in Britain was on the down grade.

Wimbledon receipts for 1937 were £1,000 up but those of 1938 were down. The Association was authorised an expenditure of £5,000 for improving and increasing Wimbledon courts and accommodation.

Sir Samuel, in accepting reelection as President, said it was a good idea for public men to have interests outside the hazy atmosphere of politics.—Reuter.

RECREIO SCORES EASY VICTORY OVER ST. JOHN'S

In the mixed doubles of the Badminton League last night, Recreio beat St. John's 6-1.

R. Remedios and Miss O. Ribeiro beat D. Kwok and Mrs. P. Wilson 21-8; beat F. H. Kwok and Miss Eardley 21-18; beat N. Smith and Miss Cave 21-8.

L. A. Carvalho and Miss M. Ribeiro beat Kwok and Mrs. Wilson 21-14; beat Kwok and Miss Eardley 23-21; lost to Smith and Miss Cave 16-21.

M. A. Oliveira and Miss A. C. Remedios beat Kwok and Mrs. Wilson 21-13; beat Kwok and Miss Eardley 21-7; beat Smith and Miss Cave 21-16.

KOWLOON TONG v. TAIKOO
Kowloon Tong beat Taikoo 7-2.

Scores:
R. E. Lee and Miss T. Gonzalez (Kowloon Tong) beat R. Main and Mrs. Main 21-7; beat D. W. Becken and Mrs. W. G. C. Kie 21-11; beat A. Keown and Miss R. Summers 21-10.

P. Fletcher and Mrs. N. Castro (Kowloon Tong) beat Main and Mrs. Main 21-3; beat Becken and Mrs. McKie 21-4; lost to Keown and Miss Summers 23-24.

F. S. Ko and Mrs. Roza (Kowloon Tong) beat Main and Mrs. Main 21-13; beat Becken and Mrs. McKie 21-11; lost to Keown and Miss Summers 23-21.

This does not, however, apply to the S.R. (b) team.

STEADY PROGRESS BEING MADE IN BADMINTON LEAGUE

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a home match for the "Y," they decided they would prefer to use the Recreio court, and voluntarily played the match away, although it rated as the "Y" players merit admiration for this decision, as undoubtedly the Recreio court, especially since its renovation, is one of the finest in the Colony, and provides conditions far more conducive for better badminton than the West Lounge court. On the otherhand, the "Y" obviously discarded a tremendous advantage when they declined to use their own court, as its peculiarities, now well-known to the "Y" team, would have sorely puzzled the Portuguese ladies. It is quite possible that playing on their own court, the "Y" would have won two or three games from the champions.

Badminton news of general interest is rather at a premium at the present. From the Association's point of view the most important event of the week has been the return from Hong Kong of the President, the Rev. J. R. Higgs, who was re-elected to the office in absentia, but whose interest in the game, particularly its development in Hongkong, is undiminished. Under his guidance, and with the ready and invaluable assistance of Mr. de Sousa, the Vice-President, the affairs of the Association can expect to be carried on with customary smoothness and to the benefit of the game and its players in the Colony.

It would seem that, apart from other considerations, the continued unhappiness political situation in the Far East, rules out of court for another season the prospects of any sort of badminton interplay. I gather Malaya have by no means given up the idea of one day sending a team to Hongkong, but even there repercussions of the Sino-Japanese hostilities have been felt, and the general opinion seems to be that the moment is not opportune for such an excursion. As for Shanghai, the thought conditions there are more than enough to be raised to come down here. Whether it would be possible later in the season to raise a side from Hongkong to make the trip is another question. But if such a visit materialised—and at the present time there is not the slightest indication of it—the players would have to foot their own expenses, which is a sufficient deterrent to such a venture.

THERE is this to be said. With the structural improvements which have been carried out to the Club de Recreio court, Hongkong could quite happily ask any visiting team to play on it. Playing conditions there now are nearly ideal, and no club need be ashamed to offer such facilities to a visiting side. Although the alterations were not carried out solely for the benefit of badminton, this is a further example of the splendid efforts the club has always made to help the game to advance in Hongkong. As the real pioneer club of organised badminton in Hongkong, the Club de Recreio continues to hold its proud position of being the foremost influence for the development and progress of the game here. The game itself, and certainly the Badminton Association, owe an irreparable debt to the Club de Recreio. While the Recreio supports badminton, the game can never cease to exist in Hongkong.

1,150 EMIGRANTS TO STRAITS
The number of emigrants leaving the Colony for the Straits Settlements during November was 1,150.

FLEET BOXING RESULTS

The China fleet boxing championships were held at the China Fleet Club yesterday. There was only one knock-out. This was in the Bunker Curran-A. B. Kelly fight, which lasted only a few seconds before Kelly was sent down.

Results:
Amateur Championships
Featherweight—A. B. Upton (Birmingham) beat Sam McGhee (Lowestoft); St. Cook (Dorsetshire) beat A. B. Cullen (Dorset); Ord, Cooper (Dorsetshire) beat A. B. Moran.
Lightweight—Ord, Cook (Kent) received walk-over from Ord, Jeffery (Deccy).
Middleweight—Sto, Smith (Kent) beat A. B. Meadows (Folkstone); A. B. Davorn (Dorsetshire) beat Ord, Giddings (Birmingham).
Welterweight—A. B. Curran (Kent) beat Sto, Young (Birmingham); Farr (Dorset) beat Ord, Watson (Dorsetshire); L/S/O, (Kent) beat Ord, Sherman (Thames); Sto, Simpson (Birmingham) beat Cook, Booth (Herald).

Open Championships
Lightweight—A. C. Byrne (Eagle) beat A. B. Jones (Thames); B. Conlon (Diana) received walk-over from A. B. Kelly; Light Heavyweight—A. B. Nelson (Dorset) beat Sto, Rogers (Birmingham).
Evening Results Amateur
Featherweight—Boy, Tel, O'Connell (Kent) beat Ord, Robertson (Birmingham).
Lightweight—Boy, Watson (Kent) beat A. C. Byrne (Eagle); A. B. McWhinney (Medway) beat A. B. Kelly (Dorsetshire); A. B. Smith (Dorset) beat Sto, Gilman (Birmingham).

Light Heavyweight—Sto, Noble (Eagle) beat Ord, Giddings (Herald); Sto, Curran (Kent) beat A. B. Kelly (Birmingham); Sto, Rogers (Birmingham) beat Ord, Kelly (Kent).
Open Championships (Dorset)
Featherweight—Sto, Chick (Kent) beat Sto, McGhee (Lowestoft); L. S. O'Kelly (Folkstone) w.o. A. B. Moran (Eagle).
Lightweight—Sto, Moor (Medway) beat Sto, Bates (Lowestoft).
Middleweight—Sto, Simpson (Birmingham) beat Ord, Jewell (Eagle); A. B. Reed (Diana) w.o. A. B. Lynch (Deccy).

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SENIER SHIELD SOCCER STARTS THIS AFTERNOON

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4 p.m.). Referee.—Thomas.
Third Division (A)
R.A.S.C. v. Stanley (Military, 2.30 p.m.). Referee.—Marriott.
30th R.A. v. R.E. (C) (St. Joseph's, 2.30 p.m.). Referee.—Waldron.

TO-MORROW

Senior Shield (First Round)
Royal Scots v. Eastern (Sookunpo, 4 p.m.). Referee.—Omar; Linesmen, Harley and Dove.
St. Joseph's v. Kwong Wah (Club, 4 p.m.). Referee.—MacCormac; Linesmen, Silva and Smith.

Junior Shield

Kwong Wah v. South China "A" (Kowloon, 4 p.m.). Referee.—Clark; Eastern v. 5th R.A. (Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.). Referee.—Havelcar.

Third Division (B)

Powhattan v. Signals (Club, 2.30 p.m.). Referee.—McLurew.
A.S.A. v. R.A.F. (Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.). Referee.—Phillips.

TEAMS CHOSEN

The following are some of the teams selected:

Middlesex.—Jackson; Watson, Sheehy, Freshwater, Bright, Wilkinson; Gorton, Courtney, Pearson, Saw and Tait.

South China "A"—Pau Ka-ping; Mak Siu-hon, Li Tin-sing; Leung Wing-chiu, Lau Hing-choi, Lee Kwok-wai, Tang Kwong-sun, Lai Shiu-wing, Fung King-cheung, Mok Ying-lee and Lau Tau-man.

Eastern.—Y. Z. Chang; Tsang Chung-wan, Mew Wah-kwok; Po-wan, Soong Ling-sing, Lo Wai-kuen, Chan Ping-to, Hsu Kih-hing, Lee Tack-ker, Yu Hon-hing and Hsu Ching-to.

Royal Scots.—Duncan; Fraser, McDonald; Brown, Proctor; Clarke; Munro, Kane, Hossack, Allen and Holmes.

St. Joseph's.—E. M. Marques; A. J. Hussain, L. Souza; C. Marques, Ng Tak-wing, K. Pereira; T. Custilio, A. Ward, D. Leonard, J. Gomes and T. Alves.

WALTER HAMMOND ORDERED TO TAKE THREE DAYS' REST

Pretoria, Dec. 9.
Walter Hammond, captain of the M.C.C. team now touring South Africa, has been ordered three days' rest as he is suffering from a strained muscle and will be unable to play against North-Eastern Transvaal tomorrow.—Reuter Bulletin.

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"Tell Me How Mother Is" Wrote Boy Before Murder

Warsaw.

Leyb Grunzspan, white-haired, bearded, fifty-year-old father of Herschel Grunzspan, seventeen-year-old Polish Jew who shot the German diplomat, von Rath, in Paris, said that his son had written him only a day or two previously, and had not given a hint of what he intended to do.

M. Grunzspan spoke in one of the long, cold, wooden huts in which he and 5,000 Polish Jews are held virtual prisoners just inside the Polish frontier near Zbomschya.

They have been there since their expulsion from Germany. His voice breaking, he said: "I wrote to Herschel telling him that his brother and sister had pneumonia, and that his mother was very ill."

"There weren't even huts ready when we were first driven across the frontier. We had to sleep in the open without even a blanket. Then a few days later we got a letter from Herschel. It was dated November 6."

M. Grunzspan fumbled with a number of letters and drew out a rough sheet of notepaper with a few sentences scrawled across it.

"I AM SO SAD," he continued, reading out the letter. "My dear father, mother, brother and sister—I am so very sad that I cannot help you. I have not enough money to send you any and I cannot stay here. Where shall I go?"

"I think it would be best to jump into the sea. Animals are treated better than we are. Write to me at once and tell me how mother is. I am trying to come to you. It is better for us if we suffer together. My only belief is that God will help us still. May the Almighty help and protect you and give you peace—Herschel."

M. Grunzspan paused a minute, then went on: "You see, I hoped then that he would come here. Somehow I was sure he would manage to find his way to us. Then the next day I heard what he had done. I was appalled. I was horrified. I can't tell you what I felt."

"I had sent him to my brother in Paris to learn something about tailoring."

"He was getting on well and making about seventeen shillings a week, but the police refused him permis-

sion to remain in France. He ought to have come back to our home in Hanover. But he didn't."

M. Grunzspan drew from his pocket a photograph of his son, and said, as he looked at it: "I want to know when they'll ever let us free from here."

Paris on a charge of murdering Herschel Grunzspan is being held in von Rath.



Enigmatic Senta de Wanger, owner of a liquor store, speaking hardly above a whisper, condemned Otto Hermann von Rath, as a spy who handed documents to a German agent at her home, at the recent New York spy trial.

KNEE STIFF AS A POKER

Middle-Aged Man Who Could Hardly Walk

He thought he had injured his knee in some way and that it needed massage and treatment, but he got no relief. The truth was that he was suffering from uric acid in the joint. Now he tells how Kruschen Salts have made him walk as well as ever, although he is already middle-aged.

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Three years ago a man was entirely dependent for a period of nine months on blood transfusions to keep him alive. Today he is alive and well.

The story of his recovery is told in a recent issue of the British Medical Journal by Dr. T. H. Boon, medical registrar, at the Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

The man was suffering from aplastic anemia. Dr. Boon points out that in many of these cases it is difficult to decide how long it is worth while keeping a patient alive by repeated blood transfusions in the hope that the bone marrow will ultimately revive and so maintain the cure.

The man in this case, a fifty-year-old baker, was almost blind from hemorrhages and there appeared to be no hope of his recovery.

It was decided to see if recovery of the bone marrow would occur with the blood at a higher level and ten blood transfusions of up to one

plait were given in the next four weeks.

During this period the patient became cheerful and jocular, was able to go about in comfort, and vision was restored to normal.

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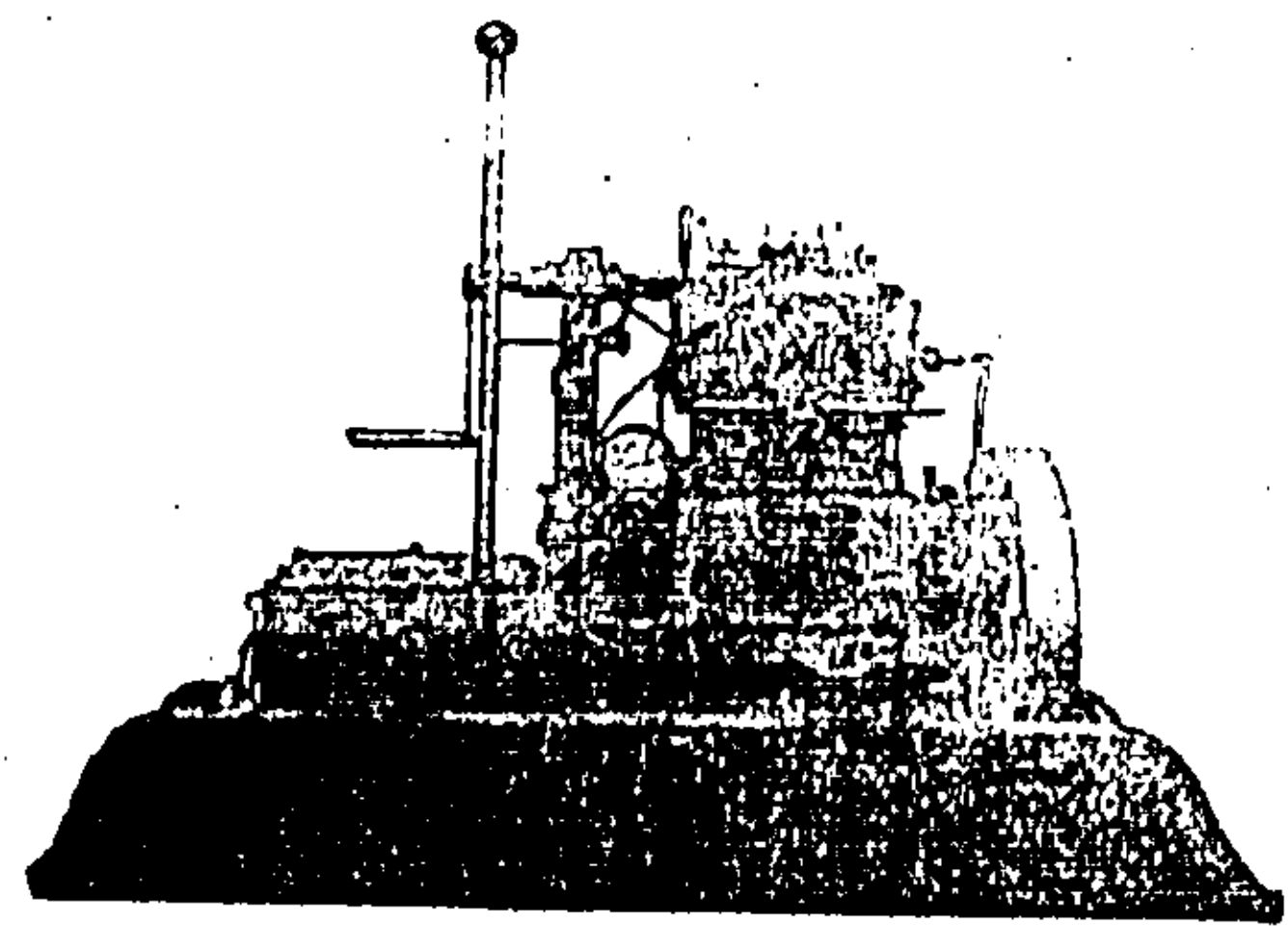
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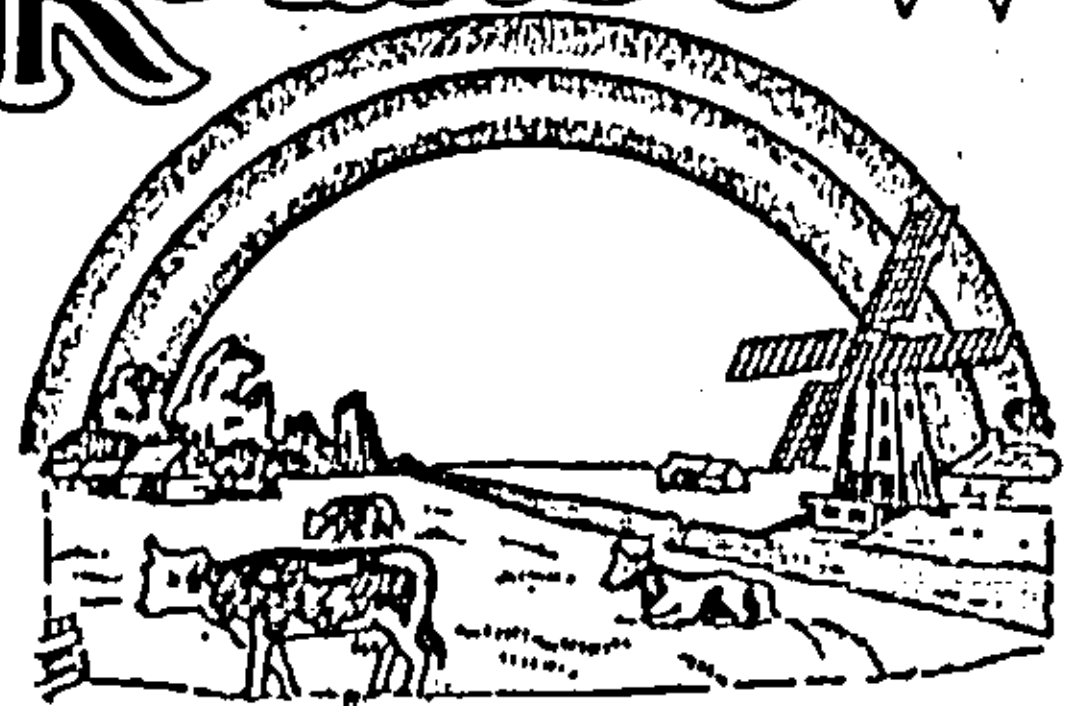
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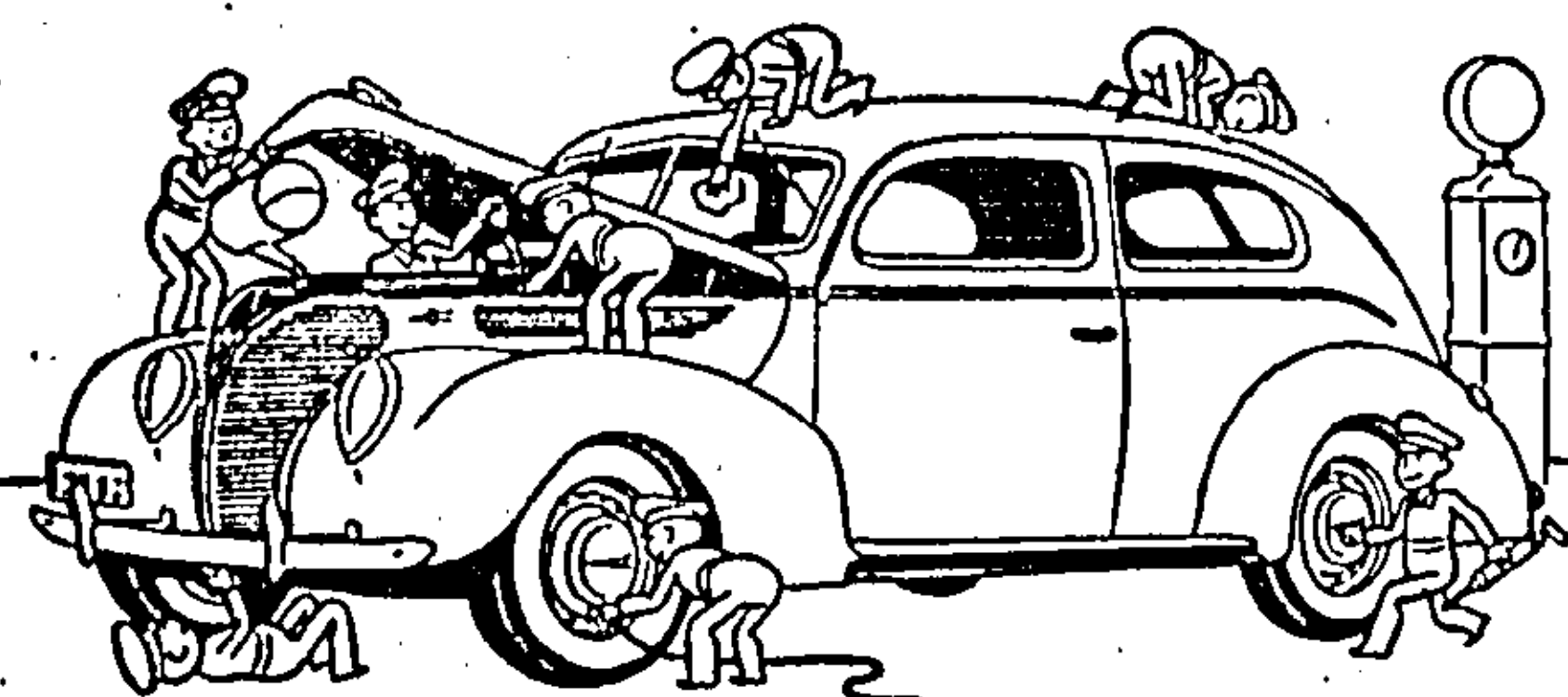


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DOWN LAMBETH WAY

Every one, even in this part of the world, must by now have heard all about "The Lambeth Walk," the tune originating from England which, according to press rumour, has taken four continents by storm and made Americans realise that British composers of dance music do in fact exist. It was first sung and danced in the musical comedy "Me And My Girl," which is still enjoying a long run of over five hundred performances at the Victoria Palace, London. Its coster-like naïveté has so endeared it to the dancing public that "The Lambeth Walk" is very much in evidence wherever Terpsichore holds sway.

Now all those who have tried the "Walk," or at least witnessed its amusing incidents, will be interested to hear that the real Lambeth Walk, the old market in Westminster, has been having its share of fun and glory. The local traders were not too slow in realising the possibilities of a monster shopping campaign in the Walk while the going was good and the song-and-dance still in its hey-day. So for ten days during October, they had the place beflagged, displayed their wares and bargains on every hand, and organised a gale ball for all and sundry. A good time was had by all, and it is reported that not only the little Lambeth gals with their little Lambeth pals, but also a respectable number of people from foreign parts, found themselves doing "The Lambeth Walk."

As a result it would seem that the old market of Lambeth Walk is back on the map as a popular shopping centre. For this turn of prosperity the local worthies have to thank the man who chose the name of their district for a song which has circumscribed the globe and which is nowadays the favourite of peers and paupers alike. Their gratitude may not extend so far as to erect a statue to the person in question, a happy fate which has befallen the lot of him who wrote the "Swanee River." There is little enough certainty that the song will attain immortality, and it may fade into oblivion as did the sometime popular "Charleston." Be that as it may, they might well consider expressing a general vote of thanks in some other form; to which all those who have derived amusement from "The Lambeth Walk" would no doubt be only too glad to add an appreciative "Oi!"

Famous Convicts In Play

Prisoners in Maidstone Gaol had an unusual treat when convicts who figured in famous trials played leading parts in a prison presentation of Mr. R. C. Sherriff's dramatic war play "Journey's End." One who was present at this amazing performance said that the acting reached such a high standard that many of the prisoners in the audience, including some men known to be hard-bitten "old lags," were in tears. Many amateur societies would have been proud to have staged such an excellent and word-perfect show. It was stated. Among the cast who particularly distinguished themselves were Robert Paul Harley, the 26-year-old Mayfair playboy, who is serving five years for a Mayfair robbery.

Beer Bottle Kills Coyote

Fresno, Cal.
Although he claims no honour for marksmanship, Thomas Rose, a rancher, won fame among his neighbours by killing a coyote with a beer bottle at 80 feet. Spotting the animal standing in his yard, Rose hurled the bottle and scored a hit on the animal's head. The coyote toppled over dead.

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Try that on your vocal chords!
Here is another tongue twister.

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Mystery Of The Veldt

It is of interest to note a recent case in the Divorce Courts in which Mrs. Rose Linden, of Finchley Road, Hampstead, asked for a declaration under the new Matrimonial Causes Act, of presumption of her husband's death, and a decree of divorce. In May 1921, Mr. John Linden was in partnership with a farmer in Southern Rhodesia. One day that month he went to Salisbury, 20 miles away, with the intention of buying cattle, and never came back. Mrs. Linden had no reason to believe he was living since 1921.

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SENIOR SHIELD SOCCER STARTS THIS WEEK-END

MIDDLESEX AND SOUTH CHINA "A" CLASH TO-DAY

Interesting Encounter Promised At Sookunpoo

(By "Abe")

A good start to the Senior Football Shield competition is already assured by the fact that in the very first round of the tournament—to be played this afternoon—the Middlesex and South China "A", two of the strongest teams in the First Division of the League, meet in what promises to be one of the best games this season.

Rivalry between these two sides is bitter enough in ordinary League matches; but in a Shield game, the teams will probably be spurred to even greater heights. Up to now, the Mids have always done well against the Caroline Hill men, and as they already have one victory to their credit over the South China "A", there is no reason why they should not repeat this feat.

But League form is a notoriously unreliable guide for Shield matches, and it would be a brave prophet indeed who dares to say with any assumption of certainty what the result of this match will be.

Nevertheless, one has to take cognizance of the fact that whereas the Middlesex have not been too impressive of late, the Chinese have not lost a single game since they went down to the Mids earlier this season. All in all, the chances would appear to be that the Chinese will emerge victorious, although one doubts whether any but the most biased commentator would give their prospects as better than 60-40.

Both sides are perfectly satisfied with their regular men, and no changes are contemplated.

TO-MORROW'S GAMES

Two more matches in Senior Shield will be decided to-morrow, the Royal Scots playing Eastern, and St. Joseph's meeting Kwong Wah.

Unfortunately for the hopes of the Eastern team, Sun Kam-huen, their most experienced player, is no longer in the Colony, having gone up to Shanghai for business reasons. With Sun away, much of Eastern's sting in attack will probably be missing against the Scots to-morrow, but there is sufficient life in the re-constituted forward line to keep the opposing defence hard at work.

The Scots, as their record of six draws in ten matches shows, are a most difficult side to beat. Last week I saw them bring two goals down in the first half against the Navy, and yet by the end of the game they had drawn level. They have a dour defence, but the attack needs a little more sting. Anyhow they will have to show a little better combination before they can hope to enter the second round.

If St. Joseph's can beat Kwong Wah on the Club ground to-morrow, they hope to go far in the Shield; for they have signed, or are about to sign, on A. V. Gosano, Bertie Gosano and N. Beltrao, three of their old stalwarts, who have resumed training.

These three will be playing for Portugal in the International competition, but are not yet available for

Portugal Enters International Soccer Tourney

Portugal has entered the "Sunday Herald" International Charity Cup, the draw of which was made by the Council of the Hongkong F.A. last Monday. The draw will be made all over again this Monday as the result of the decision of the Portuguese players to participate.

A. V. Gosano, Bertie Gosano and N. Beltrao, three old Inter-Portugal, it is understood.

St. Joseph's. If the Saints get through to the second round, they will probably turn out, in which case the team will be strengthened very considerably.

Apart from the Senior Shield matches, there will be several Junior Shield games as well as the ordinary League fixtures. The programme for the week-end is as follows:

TO-DAY

Senior Shield (First Round)

Middlesex v. South China "A" (Sookunpoo, 4 p.m.). Referee—Hooper. Linesmen—Avin and McLoughlin.

First Division

Club v. Navy (Club, 4 p.m.). Referee—Finch. Linesmen—Barroto and Fraser.

Kowloon v. Police (Kowloon, 4 p.m.). Referee—Ip. Linesmen—Gomes and Demee.

Junior Shield

Middlesex v. Stonecutters W/S (Sookunpoo, 2.30 p.m.). Referee—Ottoway.

Kowloon v. Police (Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.). Referee—Kossick.

Electric v. Royal Scots (Club, 2.30 p.m.). Referee—Stedman.

R.A.O.C. v. 24th R.A. (Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.). Referee—Molyneux.

P.W.D. v. South China "B" (Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.). Referee—Hinchliffe.

University v. R.E. (E) (St. Joseph's. (Continued on Page 11.)



Pitcher Dot Bottomley, the Mulmald hurler, tries a sample of the medicine which she dishes out to the other girls. She is battling here against the Cardinals.—Photo by Jaffer.

INDIANS, WITH FULL TEAM, VISIT THE K.C.C. THIS AFTERNOON

(By "R. Abblit")

Probably the best game to watch to-day will be that between the K.C.C. first eleven at home, and the Indian Recreation Club. The latter have not been entirely up to strength recently and I shall be interested to see how they get on. In so far as I know, Kowloon are at full strength except for E. C. Fincher, who has some official bowls game. I understand, however, that this is the last and that he will be able to devote himself regularly to cricket hereafter. It is all to the good from the K.C.C. point of view, as it is an enormous help if a side can play the same team regularly every week.

Another good game should be between the Club and the Reccio on the Club ground. I understand that Beck will be fit to bowl again, and Club will have to be looking round for its team in the Triangular Tournament Game. The Civil Service visit Craigcower and should put up a good game, though they very seldom have much luck on that ground. They still want another bowler badly. These three matches are the only ones, according to the cards, which are down for the Senior Division. The Navy and the Army would appear to be resting.

JUNIOR DIVISION

Reccio and I.R.C. second are engaged with the same teams as their own first elevens, and I am inclined to think that the I.R.C., being at home, might pull it off as they seem to have been doing very much better than I had expected. The other game is between the Civil Service at home and the Police. Here I think the visitors may possibly win, if they are at full strength.

SUNDAY GAME

I gather that the match between the Army and the Volunteers at Sookunpoo, starts at 11 o'clock to-morrow. Unfortunately Beck is unable to turn out for the Volunteers as, I am told, he is playing in some Hong game. If the Army have a full side out I rather think they should win the game.

SCHOOL CRICKET

In my article on the Combined Schools Match, I said that I would publish a few reflections to-day. There is no doubt that there is some quite good cricket among the school boys, though there is equally no doubt that they have a good deal to learn. The pick of the boys, as far as I can see, were F. J. Lay and the two Gosano's. The two latter, and for goodness sake don't ask me which is which—both need, however, a good deal of polishing in their strokes, though they definitely do make strokes and do not poke about after the ball. A good many of the others (Pryde and Fisher occur specially to me) are far too apt to put the left foot straight down the pitch or even away to leg rather than bringing it across when hitting the ball outside the off stump. It is an absolutely fatal error. Hasegood, I rather gather, makes some big hits. On Wednesday he was clearly in fine fettle, and he is just as likely to be out as in. In his first half dozen overs, if he stops however, he makes runs very rapidly.

GOOD FIELDING

I was very favourably impressed with the keenness and the cleanliness of the School fielding. Pryde in the gulley was outstanding and I am told he can hang on to his catches. The one thing he will have to do is, to avoid over-keenness, which leads the fieldsmen to throw the ball in before he has actually got it in his hands. All round things were good, and it was an excellent piece of work which ran out Dick Hancock before he could complete his second run. As someone remarked, though un-

doubtedly the fieldsmen was a certain amount younger than Hancock, on the other hand Hancock had very much longer legs. Actually what did it was the speed with which the return followed the gathering of the ball.

BOWLING

The bowling was pretty fair, all things considered, though it was probably good for the experts to find themselves up against it for once. There are a few bowlers who always get big crops of wickets in school cricket, and it is apt to lead them to think that their standard is high than it is. Cray was the pick of the bunch, and it is a curious thing that everyone of them bowled (using a school scale) quick medium, with the exception of one of the Gosano's, again don't ask me which I saw no sign of spinners there, and speaking subject to correction, I don't think there was a left hander there. It looks rather as if everybody was trying to bowl the same stuff, with an eye to becoming that great fast bowler which most school boys regard as the crown of their ambition. I am rather surprised to see that nobody has tried to copy Sargent's leg breaks, though, of course, there may be spin bowlers who did not get a place in the combined side.

The great thing to do now is to see that when these promising boys leave school, they are fixed up with a side for which to play cricket and that their coaching is continued. Otherwise, if they get into second elevens and come off successfully, though without coaching, they will get into all sorts of bad ways and habits in their future career. There has been one case of this already. We don't want any more.

Rugby

CLUB, NAVY ARE EVENLY MATCHED

(By "Fly-Half")

Two hard games of rugby should be seen this afternoon at the Navy ground, Causeway Bay, starting from 2.45 p.m. when the Royal Engineers play the Club "A" and followed by the Triangular Tournament match between the Navy and the Club at 4 p.m.

The match between the Navy and the Club promises to be a very hectic tussle as the winners will be placed in a favourable position to win the Tournament. Moreover the sides in opposition are fairly evenly matched.

Navy are unfortunate in having one or two players off through injuries, especially Lt. Stevens, their brilliant full-back. Club make a few changes in the pack where Peers and Luscombe are included with an endeavour, it would seem, to improve the shove in the set scrums. Peers, just back from leave, needs no introduction to local rugby sup-

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porters. I ascombe played scrum-half for Club at the beginning of the season and it will be interesting to see how he fares. Redman returns to the pack as wing forward.

The packs should be fairly evenly matched although Navy may prove superior in the loose. However, Salter's hooking may counterbalance that advantage.

Of the two scrum-halves, Lieut. Talbot is the more experienced, but Henderson playing extremely well at present there will be little advantage either way. In Lieut. Elliot, Navy have their chief match-winner, and Cessford will have a very busy afternoon keeping him in check.

Club, barring injuries, should have the better three line in attack, but

Badminton Notes

Steady Progress Now Being Made In The League

St. John's Cathedral Team Seems Stronger This Year

(By "The Bird")

THE local badminton season may not have produced anything very spectacular as yet, but the league programme is now making steady progress, especially in the "B" Division, where teams have obviously taken the recent admonition of the Vice-President to heart, and are doing their best to fulfil engagements as per schedule. Developments in the senior division are performed slow, insofar that only five teams figure in that section, which means but two matches a week. It is still too early to make any very definite forecast of the probable outcome of this championship contest, as Reccio, who are naturally regarded as chief challengers to the University "A", have played only one match to date. On Monday, the champions received cumulative points from their "B" team, who conceded a walk-over, while Chinese Y.M.C.A. chalked up a win at the expense of King's College. So that at the moment the position in this division is that University "A", Club de Reccio and King's College have each won a match, while the Varsity "B" have lost two (one by the odd set against Reccio, the other a w.o. to their seniors) and King's College have lost one match.

THE "B" Division teams are beginning to sort themselves out, and one can unhesitatingly point to St. John's Cathedral, Kowloon Tong "A" and St. Andrew's as the three best teams, although plenty will be heard of the Wanderers before the season is finished, as I predicted a fortnight ago. They gave their best performance to date this week when they visited Kowloon Tong and gave the senior side a hot game, finally

they will find Asquith's strong running very hard to handle. A. B. Hunt is making his first T. T. display and what has been seen of him in junior matches gives hopes of his continuing the succession of first-class Navy full backs.

Teams: Club—M. W. MacGrath; G. K. Chadwick, H. D. Bidwell (Capt.), W. E. Grieve, D. H. Stewart; F. Cessford, J. R. Henderson; K. A. Watson, K. W. Salter, E. W. Stout, W. E. Peers, E. C. Luscombe, J. Redman, A. J. C. Taylor and W. B. Richardson.

Navy—A. B. Hunt (Eagle); Lieut. P. D. Lewis (Birmingham); P. O. Asquith (Dainty); Lieut. Skelton (Grampus); Lieut. Walters (Olympus); Lieut. Elliott (Eagle); Opt. Lieut. Talbot (Otus); Lieut. Sea-Romans (Eagle); Mr. Witherden (Duncan); A. B. Thacher (Eagle); Lieut. Darling (Rover); Lieut. Northey (Diana); Lieut. Agle (Phoenix); Lieut. Pomphrey (Dorsetshire) and Lieut. Anderson (Olympus).

ST. Andrew's are certain to have an important say in the title race. The team is now together, and although temporarily deprived of the services of A. S. Bliss, who is nursing an injured leg, is powerful enough to beat anybody in the division. They helped themselves to four points this week, and lost only two games in the process. On Wednesday they made the trip to Sailors and Soldiers Home and collected all nine games, the re-appearance of W. C. Choy making a world of difference. On Thursday they went even better, winning a home match against the Club de Reccio, who cannot be regarded as one of the weakest teams by 7-2. In this match the homesters paired off as strongly as possible with the players at their disposal. Kew and Fincher resumed their partnership and won all three games, while Choy teamed with A. E. Brown, the pair playing attractive badminton to win two out of three games. Even more encouraging to the Saints, however, was the form displayed by Well and Gillis, their third string, who won a couple of games.

SAILORS and Soldiers' Home started the season's programme with a defeat at the hands of Club de Reccio, followed by another whacking by St. Andrew's, but days are yet early, and there is no reason why the S. and S. Home should not pick up a few points in the near future.

FOLLOWING their remarkably creditable initiation to league badminton a week ago, the European Y.M.C.A. ladies' team ran up against the hottest side in the division last Tuesday, and, not unnaturally, were well and truly beaten by nine-nil. However, judging by the scores, the Reccio players, who are certain to win the league, did not have a walk-over, a number of games being keenly contested. Incidentally, although

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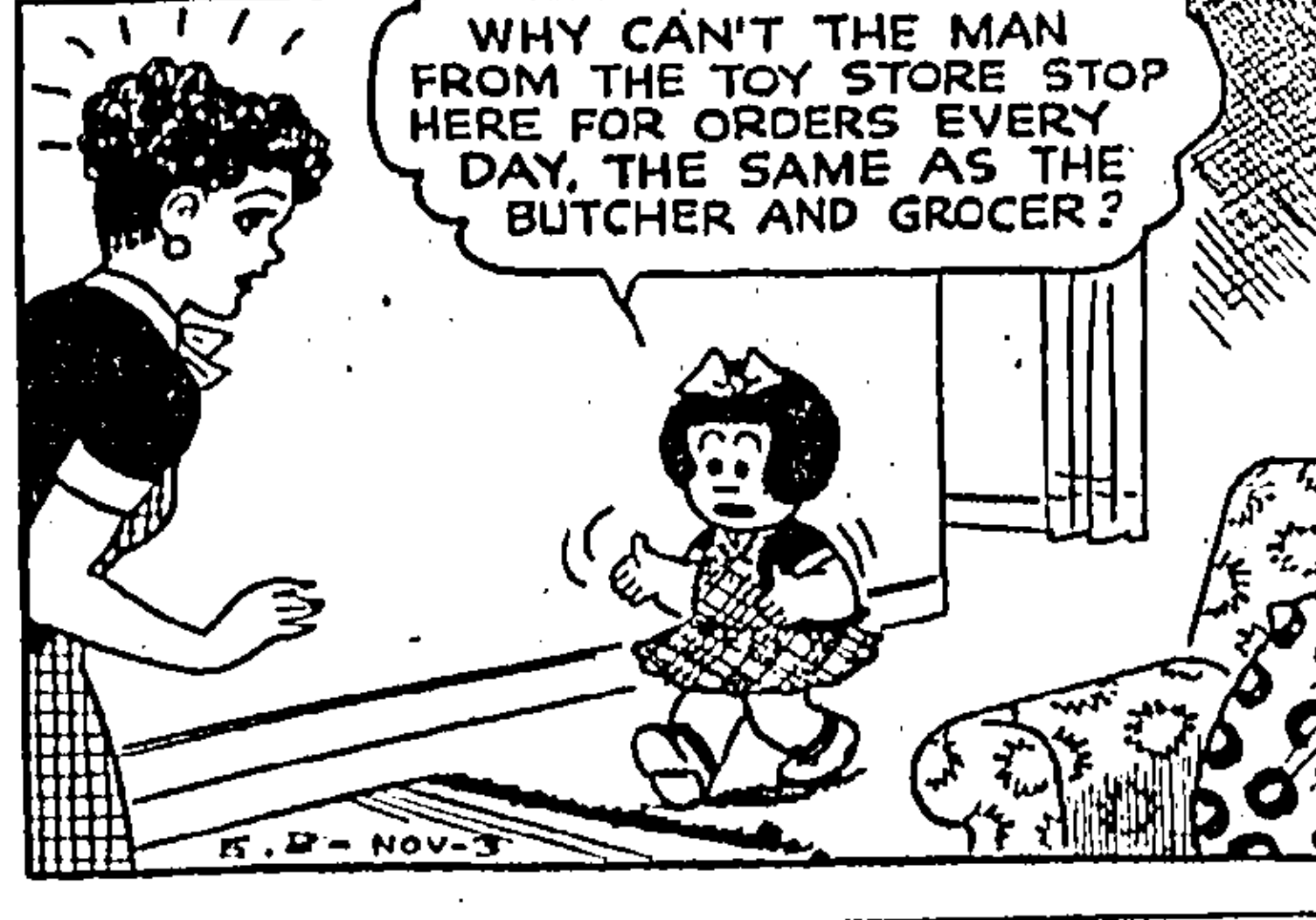
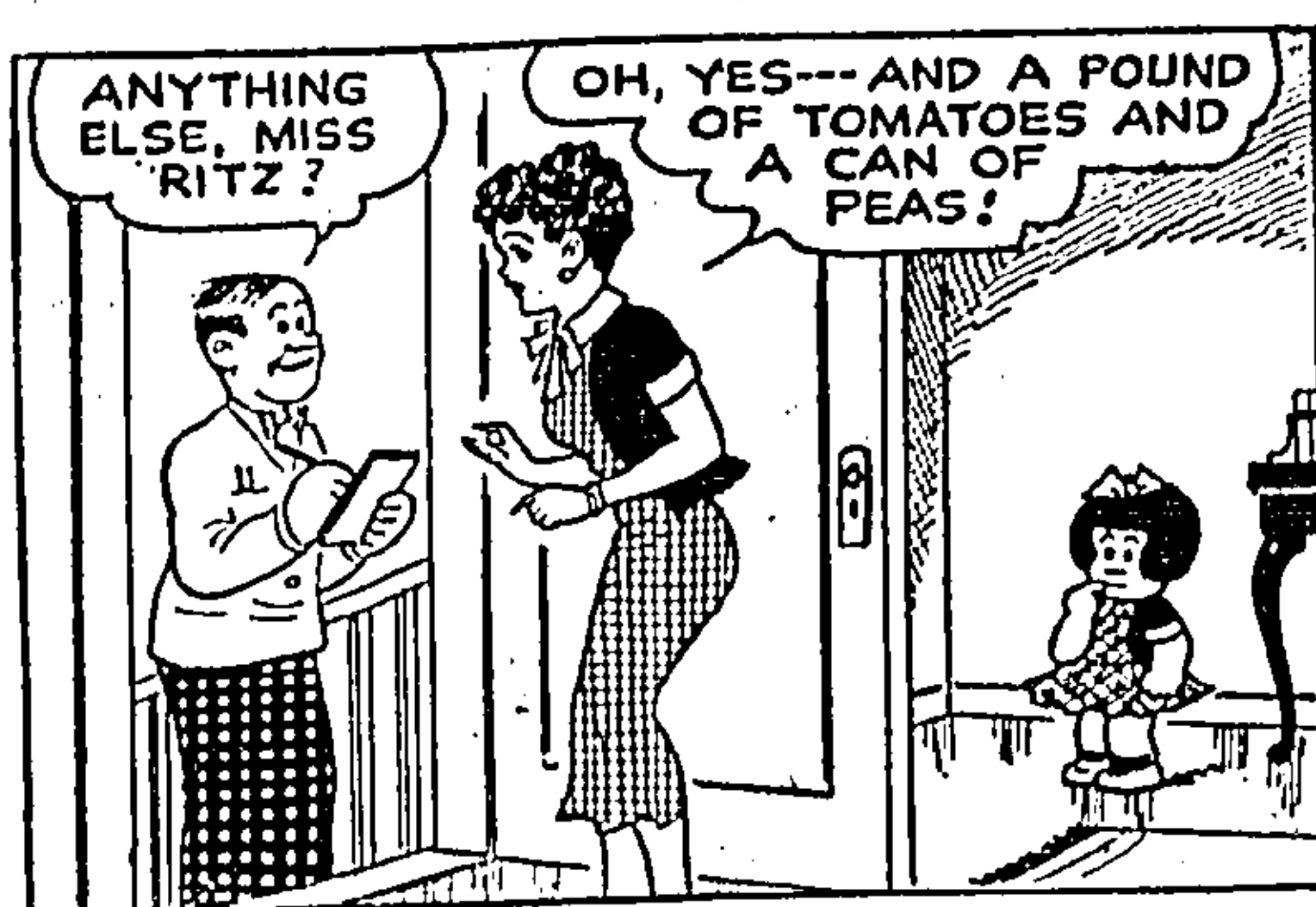
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Hagen Retires From Golf: Sarazen May Follow Foot-Steps

London, Nov. 8.

Farming is getting popular with the headliners of sport. A pugilistic gent who once left a ring ten times faster than he entered it has gone in for orange and nut farming in sunny California, and now our golfing friend, Gene Sarazen, is a cattle farmer.

Sarazen, the dapper champion with a swing as smooth as a billiard ball, has answered those who declare that there is no money in golf by piling up a lot of spare cash.

Enough, at any rate, to build and furnish some fine farm buildings and stock his land with cattle, of which he is justly proud. Lately he has been increasing his herds and is devoting so much of his time to his farm that golfers are saying he is next on the list for retirement.

Sarazen is about the same age as that other golf master, Walter Hagen, who is 45, and has had his Hagen, who at one time boxed golf as Walter Lindrum does billiards, is leaving the game forthwith.

He has been champion golfer of the United States, Canada, Britain, and France, and also the champion dresser of golf. He makes his exit, but he leaves his mark.

BIGGER GAME

I am not really surprised that Hagen is retiring, as for the year he has not been aiming at the little white ball, but at buffalo and elephants and tigers.

He has a passion for big-game shooting, but you cannot hunt big game without money—and Hagen has been at it for a year. He has also been doing a fair amount of fishing, which is another pursuit requiring time.

Sarazen may follow him in retirement, but whereas Sarazen will devote himself to productive farming, Hagen is likely to continue on pleasure bent. He has the money to do it.

In many ways Hagen is a remarkable fellow. He started in Detroit as a boy caddy. When he was 21 he was golf champion of the United States.

Between then and 1922 he won the British Open four times in fact, he started a 12-years period in which our championship was dominated by Americans.

When someone asked Hagen to explain this, he did so with this forthright statement: "British professionals are too darned lazy to work at the game."

HIS \$100 TIP

Naturally, this accusation of Hagen's was like a lighted match tossed into gallons of petrol. What English players said about Hagen should

Cotton in £1,000 Golf Challenge

London, Nov. 14.

Henry Cotton, former Open champion, Harry Bentley and Brigadier-General A. C. Critchley, amateur champion of Belgium and Holland, are to play in a 72-holes foursome golf match on which at least £1,000 will be wagered.

One of the important questions to be decided is that of a professional partner for General Critchley, who, it was suggested, should play with Reginald Whitcombe, present Open champion.

General Critchley stated yesterday, however, that Whitcombe would be unable to take part.

"Whitcombe is very busy just now, and I must look for another partner," he said. "I hope to get the right man within a few days, and then we can settle the dates."

"£500 MY LIMIT"

"Thirty-six holes will be played on the Addington Club's new course near Croydon and the other half at Birkdale, Southport. As for the stakes, they will be £500 a-side so far as I am concerned. Bigger money is being talked, apparently, but £500 is my limit."

The challenge arose out of a discussion between Bentley and Critchley over the strength of Bentley and Cotton as a foursome pair. It is hoped to decide the question during the next two weeks.



A scene from "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer," David O. Selznick's production of Mark Twain's immortal novel, released through United Artists. It will be shown at the King's Theatre to-morrow.

What Is Greatest Sports Record?

(By Geoffrey Simpson)

London, Oct. 29.

Probably some time next spring, perhaps in some smoky small-town hall, perhaps in London under camera flash-lights with a fashionable throng watching, will be performed one of the outstanding feats of skill in sport of all time.

In short, Joe Davis is likely this season to make his hundredth hundred at snooker.

How extraordinary a feat this is you will see from a brief examination of facts. Davis, 11 years' world snooker champion, has made 83 hundreds. Horace Lindrum, second best player in the world, and a snooker specialist even before Davis turned his attention so much to this game, made his 45th this week in his Daily Mail Gold Cup heat at Thurston's.

No one else is within sight. Sidney Smith, dynamic potter, has 15. Willie Smith 2. Alec Brown, the sensation of this season, got the first in his life last month. Tom Newman has only twice got to the coveted three figures.

There is also Alec Mann, of Birmingham, a great snooker specialist, with 19, and Con Stanbury has done pretty well.

INTENSE STRAIN

But with the possible exception of young Lindrum, there is no one playing to-day of whom one could say with any confidence that he might one day get his hundredth hundred. Barring Lindrum, the feat will never be performed again.

Scoring a snooker hundred, moreover, will never get easier. The feat entails brilliant potting and perfect position play, in addition to a little luck.

The strain on the nerves is intense during a big break, and every top-notch player will tell you stories of countless occasions upon which he has failed in the nineties with a miserable shot of which a novice would be thoroughly ashamed.

COMPARISONS

With what can such a feat be compared? In other sports outstanding feats are common, but is there a parallel to the century of centuries at snooker?

Edward Temme's two-way Channel swims have never been equalled. Steve Bloomer's 352 League goals were a magnificent record, eventually overtaken by "Dixie" Dean. The hundred hundreds in first-class cricket has been done by many, but I imagine that when W. G. Grace scored his hundredth century, at Bristol in May 1865, the initial performance of that feat was hailed as one that would never be equalled.

A PARALLEL

After him came Hobbs, who eventually 107 centuries. Can we forget that season when he was striving to reach, and pass, Grace's 126 centuries? When the third figure on the scoreboard eluded him, match after match? How he was dogged by autograph-hunters and pursued with a perpetual headache. The nervous strain of that period might easily have shortened his cricket life. Fortunately he survived it.

Maybe the Hobbs century record is the nearest parallel to the feat which Davis is expected to produce. Both require sustained form, season by season, of the highest class. The strain, increasing when Davis is at his ninety-odd centuries, is bound to rise to a crisis. For even Davis can miss the easy ones—and does.

SPORT ADVTS.

THE MACAO JOCKEY CLUB

The December Race Meeting will be held at Arco, Macao, on Saturday, 11th December, 1938, commencing at 2.15 p.m. The first bell will be rung at 1.45 p.m. approximately.

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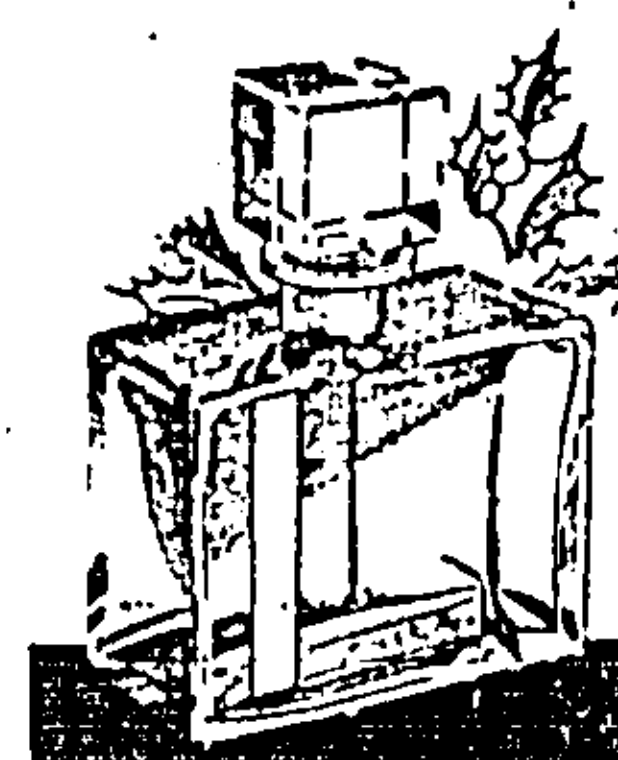
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By Ernie Bushmiller

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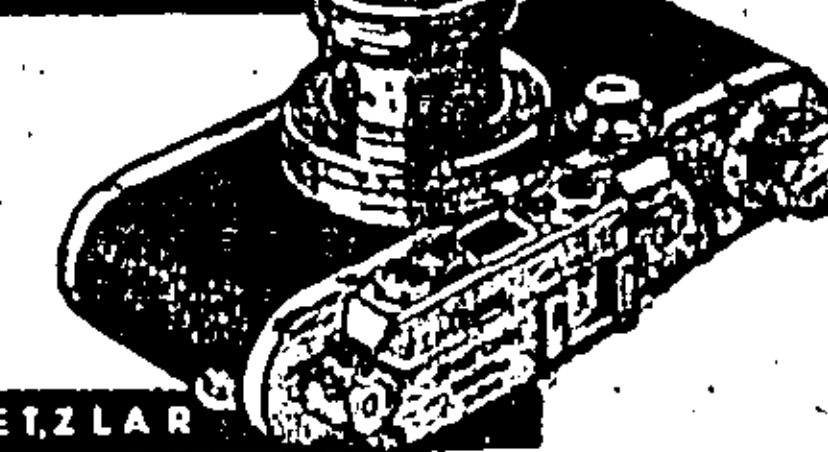
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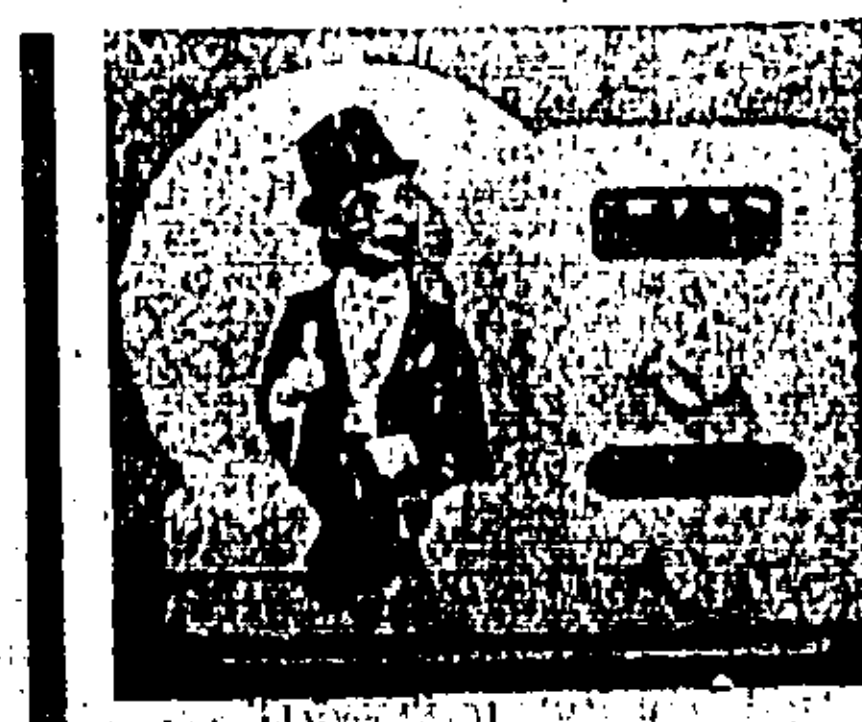
Here are a few examples to give you the style:—

"That Certain Age" is when a girl starts letting down her dresses and picking up new ideas.

"That Certain Age" is when we start thinking "Mom" and "Pop" are old fashioned.

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Make-Up Idea From Shanghai Secret Police

A member of the Shanghai Secret Service, Li Tsing by name, served as the model for Boris Karloff's make-up for his role of James Lee Wong in "Mr. Wong, Detective," the first of a series of mystery dramas which Monogram is producing with Karloff in the starring role.

It took Karloff almost a month to get the proper make-up. He called his brother, who is Sir John Pratt, then British Consul-General in Shanghai, to send him a series of photographs of Chinese secret police

employed in Shanghai. Karloff received the photographs and discovered one of the men to be exactly what he thought James Lee Wong should look like. So, actually, the Mr. Wong in "Mr. Wong, Detective" is really Li Tsing, who has since been killed in the war in China.

So expert is Karloff's facial disguise that Mr. T. K. Chang, Chinese consul in Los Angeles, commented on the authenticity of it when he visited the popular character actor on the Monogram lot.

"Mr. Wong, Detective" is now in production at Monogram's west coast studios. The supporting cast includes Evelyn Brent, Grant Withers, Maxine Jennings, Lucien Prival, John St. Polis, William Gould, Frank Bruno and Wilbur Mack. William Nigh is directing.

Man Buried To Neck In Pit On Hillside

Abertillery.
An unemployed miner, Percy Hayward (36), of Brynmawr, was buried up to his neck in a coal hole on Rhasfawr mountain recently and was a prisoner.

For hours desperate efforts were made by his companions to extricate him.

Hayward's wife, with her young baby in her arms, stood near her husband during his long ordeal.

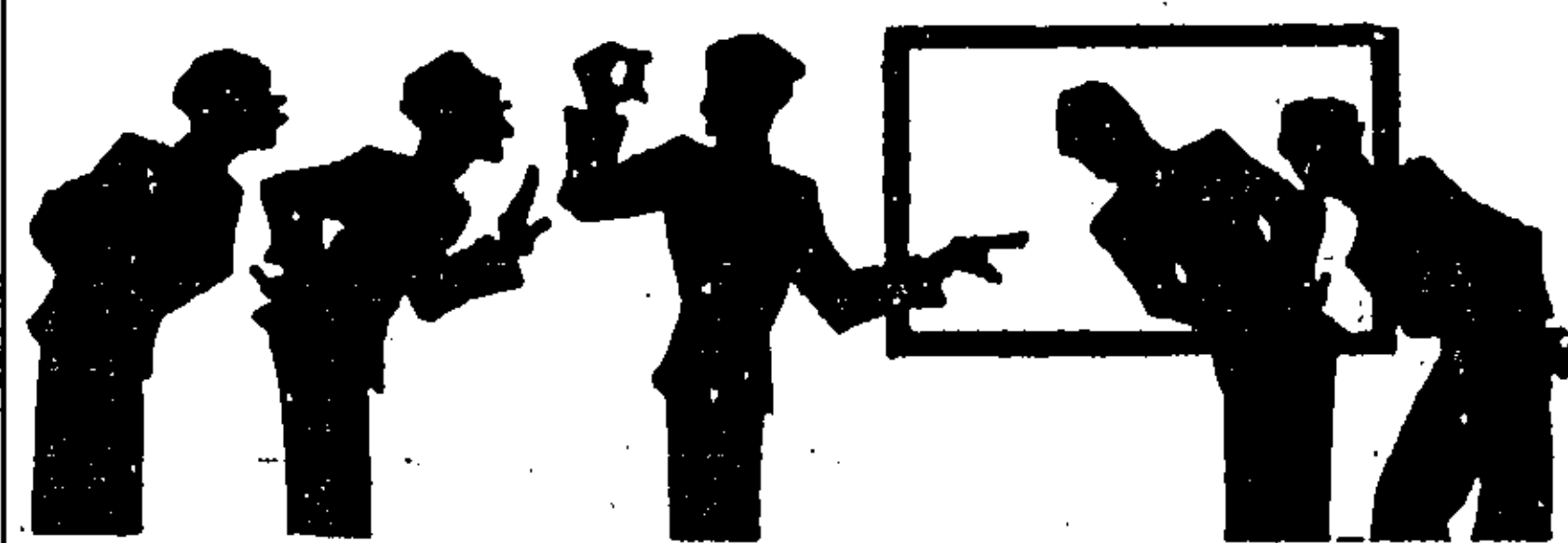
The coal hole is on a slag heap and is about 20ft. deep and only a yard square. While Hayward was digging the sides collapsed and debris pinned him down.

Alce Holly, another unemployed man, squeezed into the shaft and worked for six hours filling buckets with the debris. His hands were soon raw and bleeding, for there was no room to use a shovel. He had released Hayward down to his knees, but another fall buried him up to his neck.

With the darkness, flares were used. Many willing helpers stood by, but only one man, and a small one at that could work in the hole.

Speed for Spaghetti

Dolgevill, N. Y.
Four pounds of spaghetti consumed in 15 minutes was the record established by 20-year-old Clarence Hauger in a theatre spaghetti eating contest.



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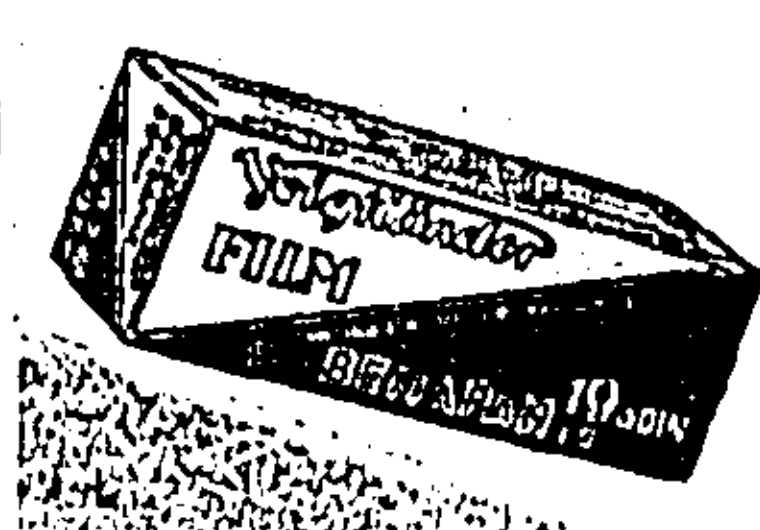
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His Arrival In Civilisation

Although he is 28 years of age, Stanley Jones is looking at civilisation for the first time in his life—and finding it 'like a miracle.' Since babyhood he has seen nothing but the prairie, some 200 miles from Winnipeg, Canada. Recently he reached Liverpool with his 70-years-old mother, on board the Duchess of Atholl. Twenty-six years ago Mrs. Jones emigrated with her husband from Llansawm, Wales. Stanley was then two years old. He never saw a railway train until he arrived at Winnipeg on this journey back. He asked the stewards to tell him where

The 'Wise Little Boy'

A 'wise little boy' aged about 13 took a lent from gangster books. He joined the queue in Lloyd's Bank, Mile End-road, E., and suddenly made a dive on a bag of coppers and disappeared through the door. Pursued down the street, and on the point of being captured, he threw the bag in the air and, with the sensation he caused, escaped.

Too Big for Phone Booth

Cleveland.
When 250-pound Henry Wolkerdorfer, 67, suffered a heart attack while in a phone booth talking to his wife, two police ambulance operators found it necessary to tear down the door to extricate him. He recovered.

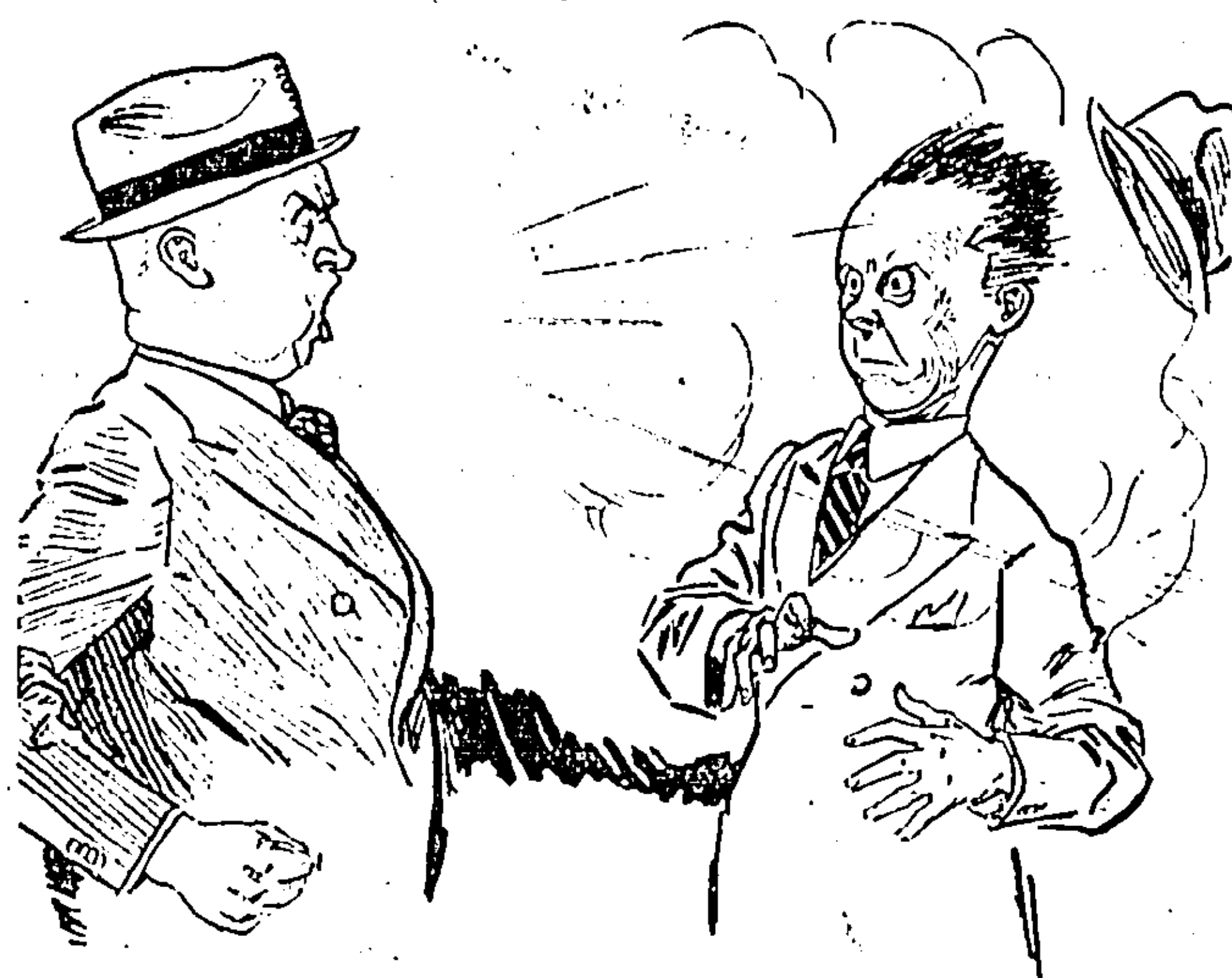
Hog Attacks Woman

Blair, Okla.
Mrs. W. L. Fox was recuperating to-day from leg lacerations, inflicted by a hog. The animal attacked her, on her farm. "I used to think hogs were domesticated animals," Mrs. Fox said.

Settling the Arguments

VIGNETTES OF LIFE

By J. NORMAN LYND



A PERSON WITH A
LOUD VOICE ALWAYS HAS THE BEST
OF IT... LOGIC DOESN'T STAND A
CHANCE AGAINST A FOGHORN.

J. NORMAN LYND.



THE TIME FOR A WIFE
TO START A DISCUSSION
IS WHEN THE BRUTE IS
WELL FED AND
FLATTERED... IT'LL
BE A WALKOVER.



WHEN REASON AND LOGIC
FAIL, THE ONLY WAY TO MAKE
SOME OF THEM ACCEPT THE
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A WEAK CASE,
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SARCASM AND
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BACK WHEN
HE HAS LEARNED
SOMETHING.



"YOU'RE ENTITLED
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OR AS THEY SAY, "THAT'LL
LEARN YOU!"

Fruit and Wine

FOR WINTER COLOUR SCHEMES

Evening Outfit

Under a plain black coat



PAINT your winter palette the colours of the moors, of red wines and summer fruits, rather than the autumn woods: that is what all the French designers are doing. In other words, it is a pink, red and purple year. Even the browns have an undercurrent of red in them, and are mahogany or chocolate rather than ginger or nigger. Even navy, when it appears rarely, is mixed with red so that it makes a blackberry colour. Black, though the most important main colour, is hardly clothes. Though there are a few without its attendant red, great many three-colour pink or wine colour somewhere schemes, two-colour ones are about. Yellow is seen a bit, more frequent, and more practically in its lime or silvery tints for winter when one top tones; but orange, ochre, tan coat belongs to many outfits.

Sports

Even for sports, try what warm brownish greys will do for you as a change from tan and green. For instance, here are some unusual country suit colourings seen in Paris: A brown and grey diagonal tweed suit with red and yellow foulard blouse.

A thunder grey flecked tweed suit over a blouse of fuchsia jersey.

A mole-coloured pincord velvet suit with blouse of cyclamen crepe.

Dark mahogany brown tweeds with berry red knitted sweater. Dark greyish green suit with a ruby red blouse.

Navy and petunia check tweed suit with a plain black-berly woolen blouse.

Over all such colour mixtures the big coat can either be in a dark rich brown or grey mixture tweed to tone with, but not necessarily to match, the suit fabric; or it may be a bulky gathered gold lame blouse, or swaggar in opossum, mouton, or some other tough fur, preferably of the greyish cast. A mustard yellow tweed swaggar looked good over a thunder grey suit.

Town

After a colourful year, black returns with a new richness of feeling—particularly since matt black cloth or wool is so much mixed with velvet this season. And it is seldom seen alone. With it go the pinks and the petunias, the red and the gold of this year of dark magnificence.

Here are some examples of what to do with black: Top a black suit, banded with velvet, by a high toque in pink and purple velvet.

Have a pink, ruby or fuchsia crepe or velveteen blouse with its high neckline showing above your black suit.

A pink or petunia fitted wool jacket tops a black skirt under a black overcoat. A ruching of rose, fuchsia and greyish green velvet forms the neckline of a black afternoon suit.

Crimson and grey stripes adorn the jumper top of a town dress, with plain skirt. Or you could have a red black and grey check jacket with a black skirt. A ruby velvet scarf belt twined round a black wool afternoon coat.

Under a plain black coat try one of these suggestions: the last two are specially simple and practical: Wear a sugar pink pleated afternoon dress, with bands of black lace or velvet at the hem.

Have a wine-coloured or purple suit. Run bands of black velvet round your wine-coloured wool dress.

Hold the shirring of your fuchsia pleated afternoon blouse with bands of black ribbon.

For Afternoon Red and gold is a great theme, only the gold is usually in a fabric rather than in gold jewellery or ornaments.

A black suit over a full gathered gold lame blouse, or over a neat waistcoat with gold candy stripes on black, and a fold of crimson velvet on your high black hat.

Or a wide roman striped scarf in green, red or gold tucked into the neck of an all black outfit.

Gold-threaded lames, in discreet foulard or tie silk patterns pinks to purple, often shot with gold or silver, runs through the collections.

A seal brown velvet dress with sugar pink lame jacket. A rose pink moire jumper top on a grey moire skirt.

Pink and silver moth's wing lame tops a column of plain pink crepe in a princess dress. Ash pink forms the bust section of a flowing princess dress, above a night blue skirt.

A dinner dress of purple-black velvet has sash and cape of pale petunia, moire. A mole brown evening dress has cyclamen shoulder drapery.

A dark plum, velvet evening dress has a tunic of rose and silver sequins. Smoke grey chiffon goes with a silver sequin bolero and raspberry velvet sash.

For Evening



When Children Go To Bed

MOST children dislike going to bed. In the winter months this a warm bedroom, induces sound aversion is often shared by the older members of the family. Mother can do much to make going to bed a pleasant time and to induce sound sleep.

In the first place, if the bedrooms are chilly they should be warmed. Many people seem to think that to harden the body and increase one's resistance one should wash in cold-water and go to bed and get up in one or two spoonfuls of full-cream chilly bedrooms. This is a mistaken idea. People with delicate constitutions are liable to serious chills if subjected to this routine.

Many colds and children's ailments are caused through sending the children to bed in a cold room. They shiver between cold sheets for a considerable time before their bodies warm the bed sufficiently for them to sleep comfortably.

Central heating, used with discretion, is ideal for keeping the chill out of rooms. If this method of heating is out of the question a small stove is most effective. This can be turned on a quarter of an hour before bed time, and for a very little expense going to bed is made pleasant and cosy.

A Controversial Point The use of a hot-water bottle spread between biscuits, raises a controversial point. Some people say it makes the circulation 2 tablespoonfuls of water, 1 gill of lard. But in case of illness the hot-water bottle is invaluable. If it is 1 oz. of cup chocolate. Stir them all together and then for five minutes, being careful not to removed before the child gets into bed it cannot do any harm.

Internal warmth is just as important as external warmth. A warm drink before going to bed gives a

Cooking Secrets

WHEN making mustard, add a few drops of olive oil, and it will not dry up so soon.

To give blancmange, a shiny, professional look, add a pinch of salt with the milk.

When stewing prunes, add a spoonful of orange marmalade. This imparts a delicious flavour.

The beginner sometimes finds difficulty in rolling a Swiss sandwich, but if the warm enamel tray from above the gas oven is used, the process will be quite simple. Sprinkle the tray with sugar before placing the cake on it.

As a change from apple sauce, try stewed gooseberries with goose, duckling, pork or sausages. This makes a delicious and piquant accompaniment.

When making a rhubarb tart, use syrup for sweetening, instead of sugar. The flavour is improved, and there is no fear of the juice boiling over and making a mess of the oven.

When making a fresh fruit salad, prepare it several hours before it is wanted. This gives the flavours time to blend. If very hot lemon water is poured over the fruit, this makes the fruit give more juice, and it also prevents it from losing colour.

If a pinch of bicarbonate of soda is added to tomato cream soup it will prevent the soup from curdling.

Old potatoes will keep their colour, and the flavour will be much improved, if a tablespoonful of milk is added when cooking.

Nut Cream Filling THIS makes a delicious sandwich cake filling, or it can be used to Put into a pan 8 oz. castor sugar, 2 tablespoonfuls of water, 1 gill of lard. But in case of illness the hot-water bottle is invaluable. If it is 1 oz. of cup chocolate. Stir them all together and then for five minutes, being careful not to removed before the child gets into bed it cannot do any harm.

Cool it slowly, adding 1 oz. of chopped walnuts and a few drops of vanilla essence to flavour.

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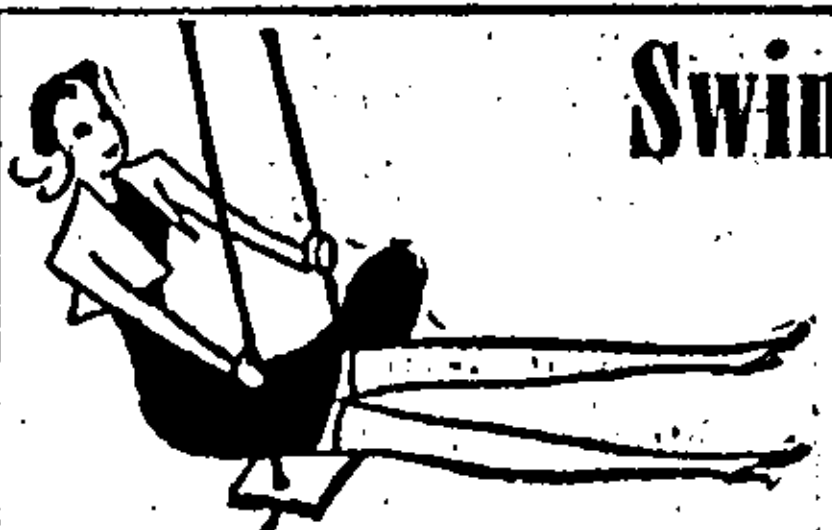
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THIS WEEK'S EVENTS ILLUSTRATED



Mr. Hughes of the Singapore Hume Pipe Co., Ltd., with Mrs. Hughes and her mother busily absorbed in picking the winner at the races last Saturday.—*Pictorial News.*



Admiration is maintained and useful information exchanged after a winner has passed through the members' enclosure.—*Pictorial News.*



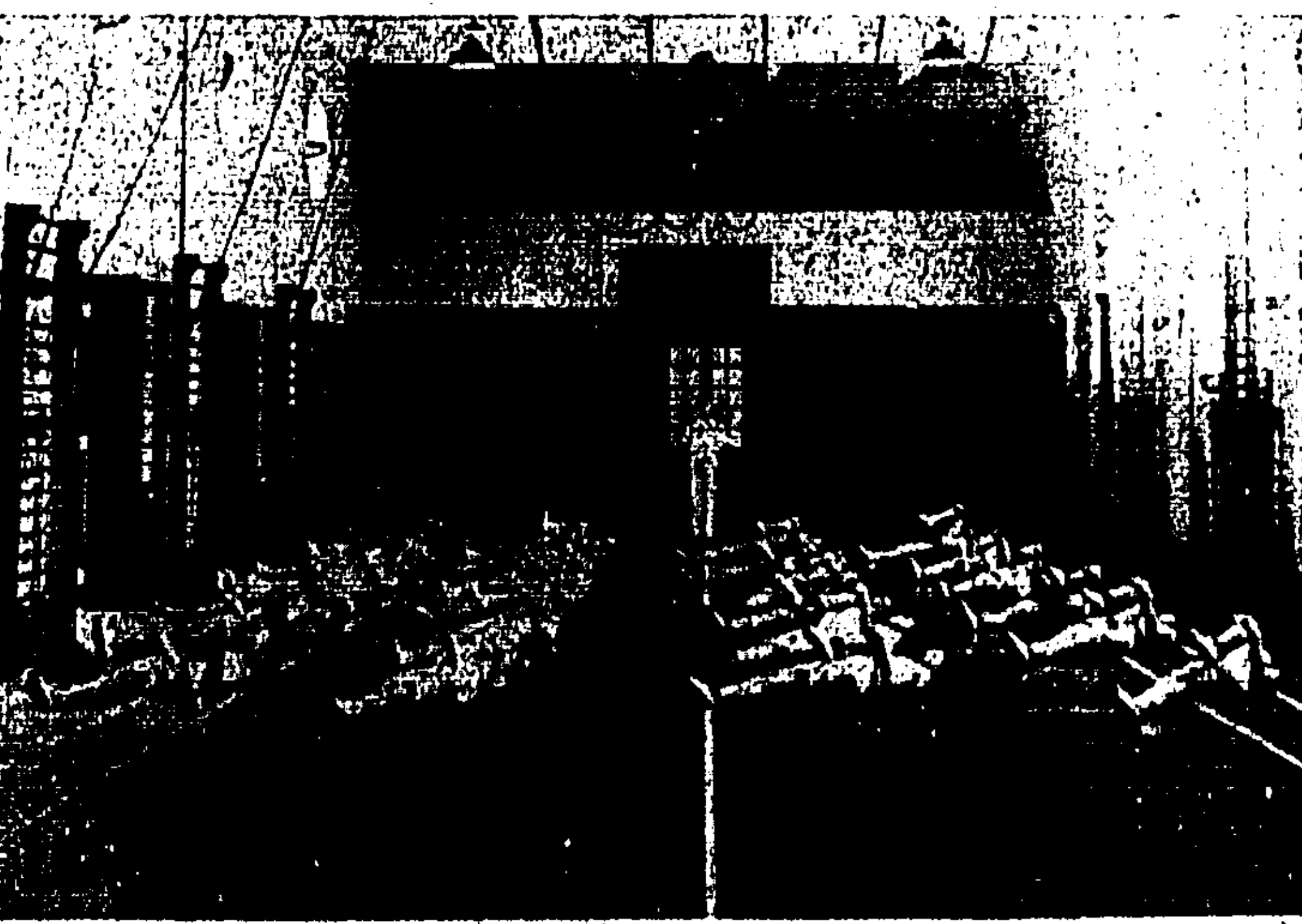
The athletic team of King's College students which recently completed a successful season.—*Ming Yuen.*



The Quarry Bay school held their annual prize day and Parents' open day recently, when Mrs. J. Ralston presented the prizes. Above are some of the children in the garden.—*Staff Photographer.*



The King's College students engaged in a complicated exercise which requires body balance and muscle control.—*Ming Yuen.*



In the King's College gymnasium, the athletic team of school-boys perform exercises under the instructions of their teacher.—*Ming Yuen.*

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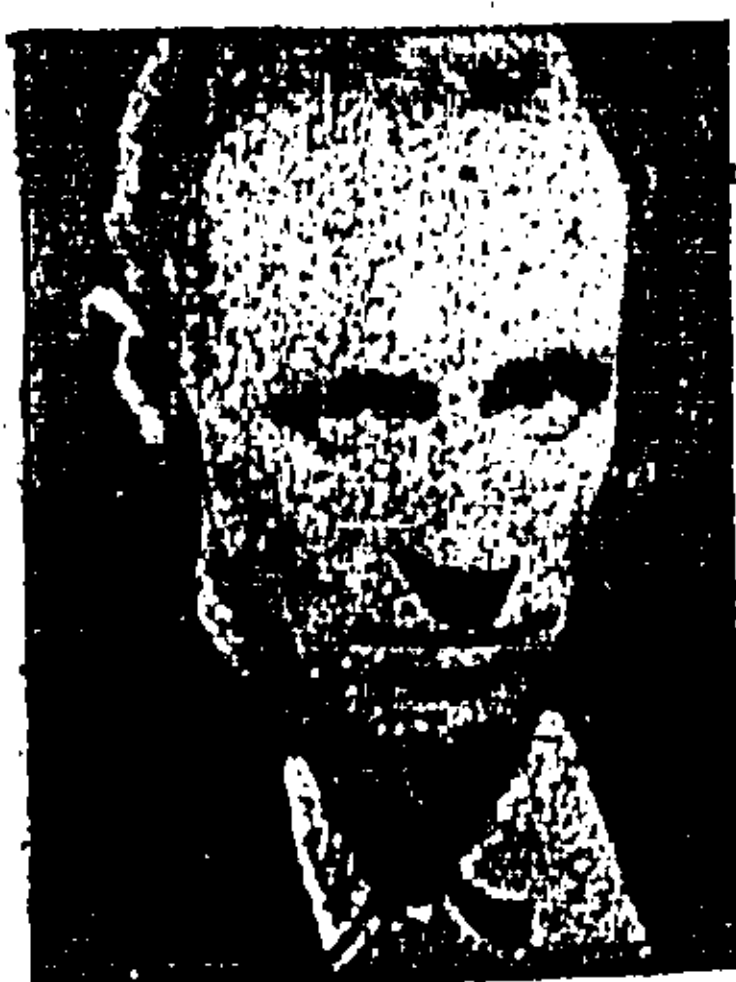


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Fisheries Parleys End In Deadlock

Moscow, Dec. 9. It is learned that the Soviet-Japanese negotiations for the regulation of Japanese fishing in Soviet waters have reached a deadlock. In the course of a two-hour conversation, the Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Togo told M. Litvinov that the Japanese Government could not accept the new proposals, which suggested the establishment of a year's moratorium with the addition that Manchukuo had to pay the Soviet Government defaulted payments for the Chinese Eastern Railway, which the Japanese Government had guaranteed. It is understood that Mr. Togo declines to link Manchukuo's debt with Japanese fishing rights, and insisted upon the conclusion of a permanent convention. M. Litvinov refused to negotiate further. Unless the Japanese yield, Japanese fishing in Soviet waters will be discontinued after December 31, depriving Japan of an annual catch of more than 10,000,000 yen.—Reuter.

MANCHUKUO PARLEYS WITH RUSSIA

Harbin, Dec. 10. Negotiations are in progress since some time ago between the Soviet Consulate-General and the Special Foreign Affairs Commissioner of Manchukuo for North Manchuria here regarding a 4-point proposal of the Manchukuo Government for settlement of various pending issues between the two countries.

The proposals were made originally by the Manchukuo official on November 26. The four points in the Manchukuo proposal follow:

1. Inviolability of all employees, staff members, and officials of the Manchukuo Consulate in Soviet territory.
2. Acknowledgment of the regular diplomatic courier system.
3. Freedom of Communications.
4. Facilities for travel in Soviet territory for staff members of the Manchukuo Consulate.

Mr. Nobumasa Shimomura, the Manchukuo diplomatic representative, it is revealed, proposed that fundamental solution of all pending issues between the two countries be effected on the basis of reciprocity.—Reuter.

Last Minute Reprieve For Condemned

Reidsville, Georgia, Dec. 9. A white man, who was to have been electrocuted with six negroes in the State prison, has been given a month's respite.

The death of the negroes constitutes one of the largest wholesale executions in the United States for a long time.

Two were electrocuted for murdering a watchman, and the others for killing a farmer and his daughter.—Reuter.

LATE NEWS

Fog Gives U.S. Newspapers A Story

New York, Dec. 9. The Aquitania, in which Mr. Anthony Eden is travelling to New York, has been delayed by fog, and a coastguard cutter has been sent to meet the liner to enable Mr. Eden to arrive in time to deliver his eagerly-awaited dinner speech. The streets will be cleared to allow his car to pass, and he is expected to reach the microphone with 15 minutes to spare. But if further delay from fog makes this plan unworkable, Mr. Eden will address the banquet by a ship-to-shore telephone. The speech is due to be delivered at 3 a.m. G.M.T., and the contents of his address are still unknown.—Reuter Special.

Terrible Acid Attack In K'loon Street

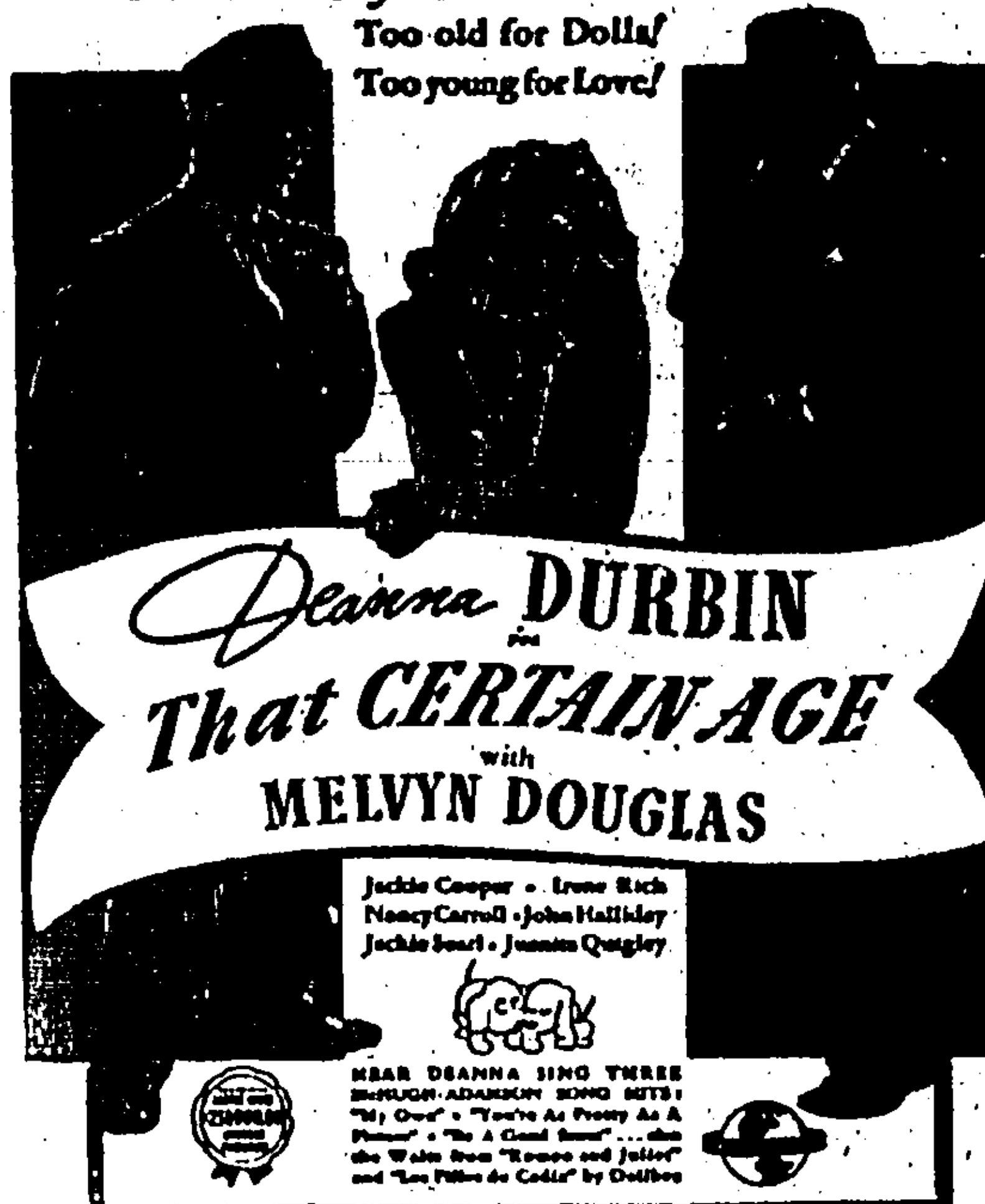
Two Chinese men are now in Kowloon Hospital, suffering agonising pain from acid burns on their faces and bodies. They were attacked in a street in Shamshuipo by four unknown men armed with bottles of corrosive fluid. The unknown assailants appeared as the two men were walking slowly down the street. As they drew abreast they suddenly whipped the bottles of acid from their pockets and, without uttering a word, hurled the contents at the two men, Kwan Shing and To Chien. As their victims, blinded and searing with pain, writhed on the ground, the four men quickly ran away and were soon out of sight. The motive for the remarkable crime is unknown.

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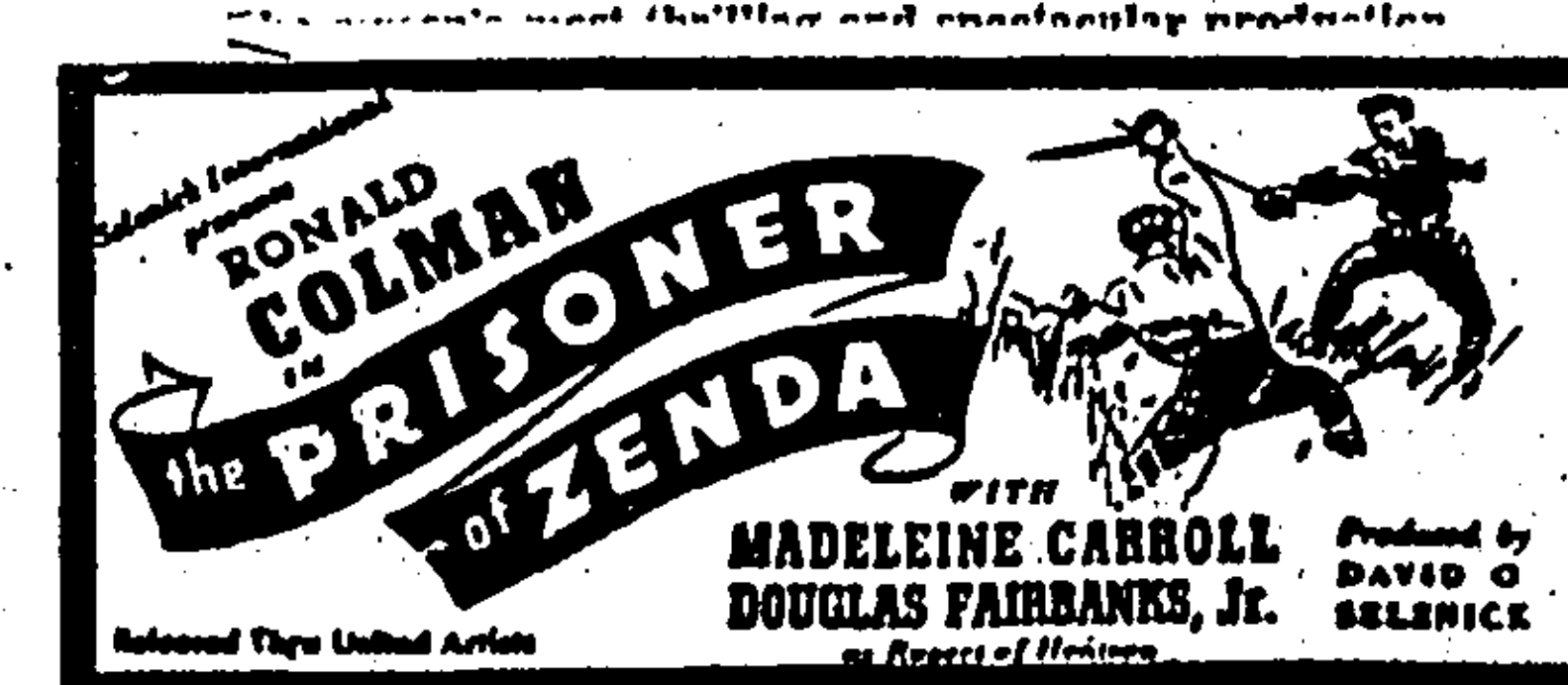
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